



Representation of Community Foundations in Canadian Philanthropy



One hundred years ago, Canada's first community foundation was set up in Winnipeg. Today more than 90% of Canadian communities have access to a community foundation. At the national level, they are supported by the Community Foundations of Canada (CFC), founded in 1992 to create a national network to connect and support community foundations that were previously working independently.

Since then, Canadian community foundations have launched many initiatives to better respond to community needs. From Vital Signs, launched in Toronto in 2006, to aligning their data sets with Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals in 2017, to being selected by the federal government to act as a vehicle to distribute emergency funds during the COVID-19 pandemic. Still, these philanthropic actors are often misunderstood.

This Special Edition covers work on community foundations from across the country. For the occasion, PhiLab has also launched a three-part podcast series, the first episode of which interviews three Western Canada community foundation leaders to try to better understand the role community foundations play in the Canadian philanthropic landscape.

We hope you enjoy reading this special issue, led by the Western Hub, on the important work that community foundations and other organizations in the philanthropic sector are doing.

Enjoy your reading!

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PhiLab Podcast Ep.1: Community Foundations in Western Canada

PhiLab has officially launched its first Podcast series to better understand how the philanthropic scene is evolving in Canada.

The first episode is the first of a three-part series that will cover the Canadian territory, from the Western to Eastern coasts, giving a voice to as many philanthropic actors as possible.

Episode 1: Canada from West To East - Western Community Foundations

with Eva Friesen, President and CEO of the Calgary Foundation,
Carm Michalenko, CEO of the Saskatoon foundation, and Sky Bridges, CEO of the Winnipeg foundation



Host: Gabriel Huet,
Communications Student, UQAM

Special Edition: Representation of Community Foundations in Canadian Philanthropy

Editorial - Community Foundations in Canada: A century of making communities stronger, more resilient, and sustainable

by Lynn Gidluck, Western Hub Co-Supervisor



Infographic: Canadian Community Foundations at a Glance

by Lynn Gidluck, Western Hub
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Making Post-Secondary Education Possible in a Pandemic

by David Peacock and Sandra Ngo, Western Hub



211 Rises to the Challenge: A COVID-19 Success Story

by Lynn Gidluck and Kristen Nelson, Western Hub

How to ensure your charity donations truly help your local community

by Brady Reid, Atlantic Hub, published by The Conversation Canada





The Role of Community-led Grassroots Organizations During COVID-19 and Beyond

by Jasleen Brar, Western Hub

Interview: Dr. Megan Conway, Executive in Residence
at Capacity Canada

by Clarine Mukendi, Western Hub



Interview: Andrew Chunilall, Chief Executive Officer of
Community Foundations Canada, on their work with
the SDGs

by Manuel Litalien, Ontario Hub

Pullback Podcast: Interview with Steven Ayer – The
Fallout from COVID-19

by Kristen Pue and Kyla Hewson, Ontario Hub





Book Chapters from **Philanthropic Foundations in Canada**

Chapter 10: Community foundations at work: Mobilizing and connecting place-based philanthropy, by Laurel Carlton and Sara Lyons

Chapter 11: Vancouver Foundation: Fostering meaningful engagement with Youth, by Natalie Ord

Chapter 12: Centraide’s Collective Impact Project: Poverty reduction in Montréal, by Nancy Pole and Myriam Bérubé

The Evolution of Community-based Philanthropy: Initial Insights into a Comparison of Community Foundation Peak Organizations

by Leigha McCarroll, Megan Conway, Susan Phillips and Alexandra Williamson, Ontario Hub and International Research Unit - Australia



Event coverage – Indigenous Community Foundations: Filling the Void

by Peter R. Elson, Western Hub

Video: Keynote speaker: Andrew Chunilall, CFC

From Ontario Hub Regional Conference 2021



Call for Papers: Profiling Respectful Community-based Research



September's Special Edition is led by PhiLab's Atlantic Hub and will cover the theme of **Profiling Respectful Community-based Research in Canadian Philanthropy**.

Would you like to share or create content on this subject? Contact Sondra Eger, the Atlantic Hub's coordinator at : philab@grenfell.mun.ca .

News



The Atlantic Hub has a new coordinator!
Welcome to the team!

[Sondra Eger](#) is currently working as a Postdoctoral Fellow with Dr. [Kelly Vodden](#) to lead the Second Volume of Coastal Routes Radio Podcasts and collaborate with municipalities and Indigenous governments from Newfoundland and Labrador on an existing Potable Water Dispensing Unit Project.

[View her complete profile here](#)

Brady Reid, PhiLab's exiting Atlantic Hub coordinator, has played a key role in getting the Atlantic Hub on its feet over the past two years.

For a full list of his publications at PhiLab, [consult his profile here](#)

Thank you Brady!



A second interview with Thierry Durand, General Director of Convergence action bénévole and of 211, has been made available!

[Part 2 : Standardiser l'évaluation de l'impact social dans les Centres d'action bénévole](#)

[Part 1: Regard sur un centre d'action bénévole atypique](#)

by Charles Duprez, Quebec Hub



The Ontario Hub has a new Coordinator!



[Isidora Gievski-Sidorovska](#) is a Ph.D. student at the School of Planning at Waterloo University, where she is examining planning process outcomes as competencies for coping with environmental turbulence in third-sector organizations.

[View her full profile here](#)

A big thank you to [Andrea Kosovac Sykes](#), PhiLab's exiting Ontario Hub coordinator, for her hard work over the past year.

Andrea will continue working on PhiLab research projects with her supervisor, Ontario Hub Co-supervisor, François Brouard.





The Western Hub has two new students!

PhiLab is funding [Oscar Baron-Ruiz](#)'s graduate research assistantship at the Community Service-Learning of the UAlberta, where he is developing spatial multi-criteria analyses using ArcMap software to prioritize areas for the distribution of the resources that support post-secondary education.

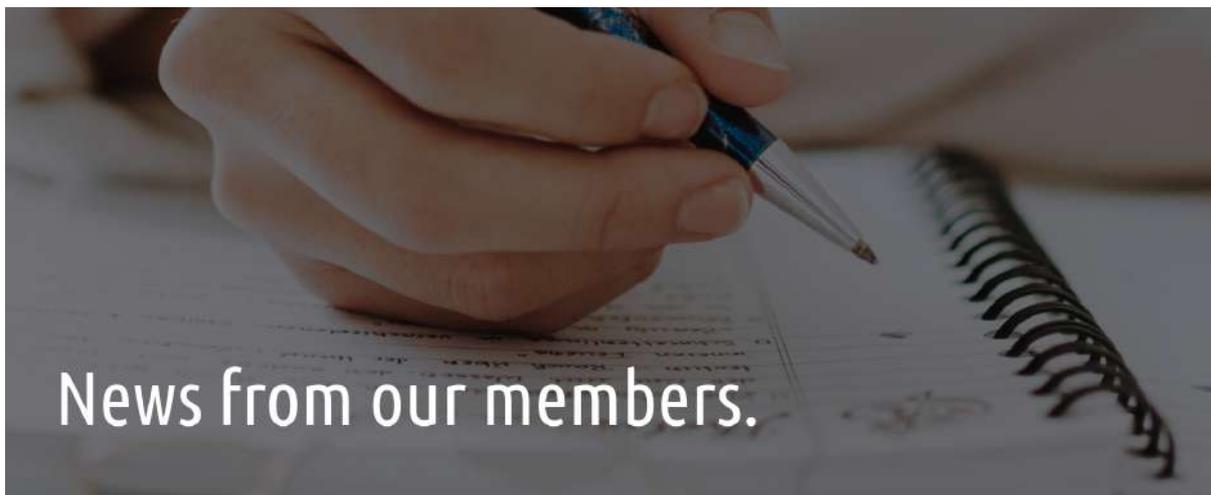


[Jasleen Brar](#) is currently a Bachelor of Health Sciences student at the University of Calgary with a major in Health and Society and minor in Indigenous Studies. She has been working as a research student for the past few years under the Department of Family Medicine, researching the barriers to primary healthcare for immigrant and refugee women, and recently under the Department of International Indigenous Studies, evaluating and building local community partnerships.

Flashback: COVID-19 Revealing Social Inequalities

[Multi-media interview: COVID-19 and Indigenous Communities in Western Canada, with Trea Stormhunter and Gail Bitternose](#)

by Katherine Mac Donald, PhiLab Canada



Intersections and Innovations

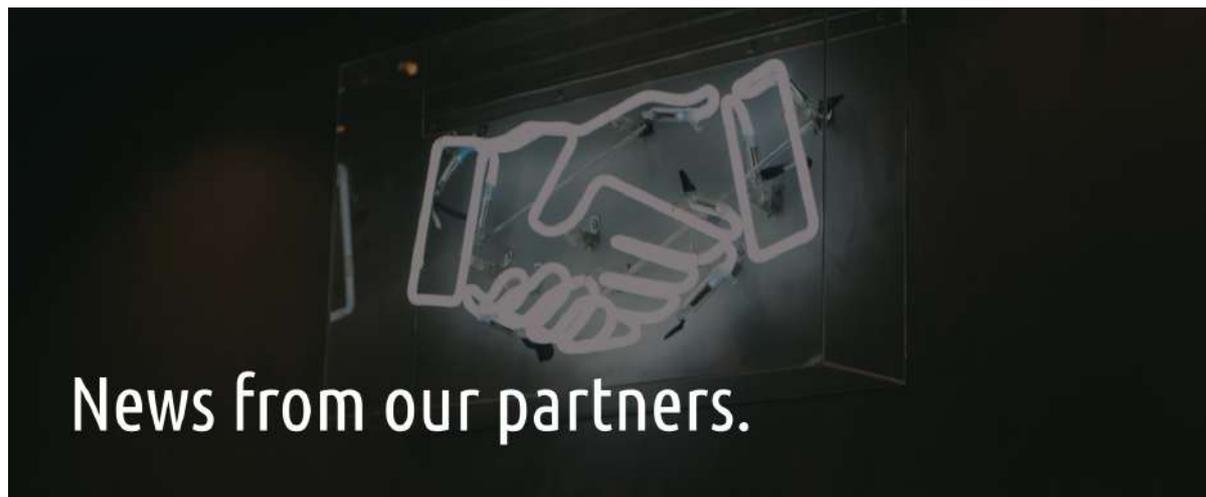
Change for Canada's Voluntary and Nonprofit Sector



Intersections and Innovations: Change in Canada's Voluntary and Nonprofit Sector

New book by PhiLab Ontario member [Dr. Susan Phillips](#), including many contributions from other PhiLab members.

[The Philanthropist Journal interview: Susan Phillips and Bob Wyatt](#)



Remembering Pegi Dover

Pegi was one of the original founding members, through her work with EFC (previously, CEGN) of the PhiLab project.

It is with great sadness that we mark her passing on May 5th, 2021.

The Philanthropist Journal's New Look

The Philanthropist Journal has just revamped their website, logo, and overall style.

The **PHILANTHROPIST** *Journal*

[Check out their new look here](#)

Featured Philanthropic Profile

PhiLab's Quebec Hub has launched a [Philanthropic Profile Database](#) in order to highlight the sector's professionals and the diversity of their roles.

Would you like your profile to be featured? [Fill out your profile here.](#)



[Sanaa Ali-Mohammed](#) sees herself as a community connector, which means she is always looking to bridge gaps and foster collaborations that will address the exclusion of racialized communities from access to resources and decision-making processes that affect them.

[Consult her full profile here](#)

Alliance content of the month

A pivotal moment for community foundations

Flashback to Alliance's article on the impact of COVID-19 on European Community Foundations from April, 2020.

"The Coronavirus crisis is impacting on community foundations in two ways – it is realising their potential to mobilise resources and reach people in need quickly, but it is also seriously testing their resilience."

[Read the article here](#)



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PhiLab students still have access to the [Facebook group](#) which is reserved for them.



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