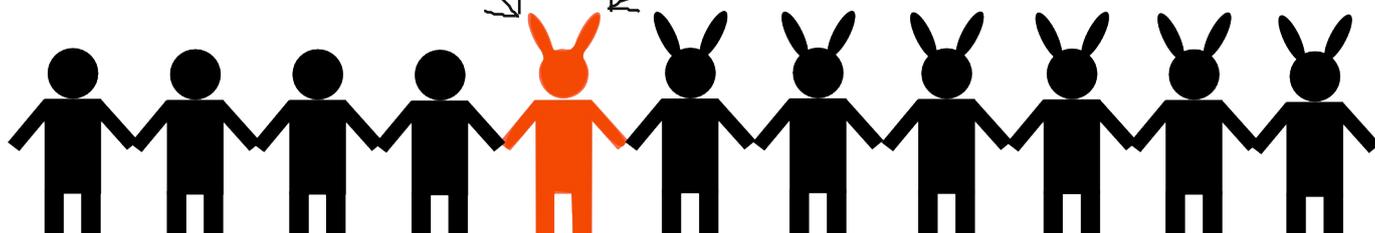


are you a

change agent?



What if...

...all of Victoria's change agents got together for one day to meet, inspire each other and collaborate?

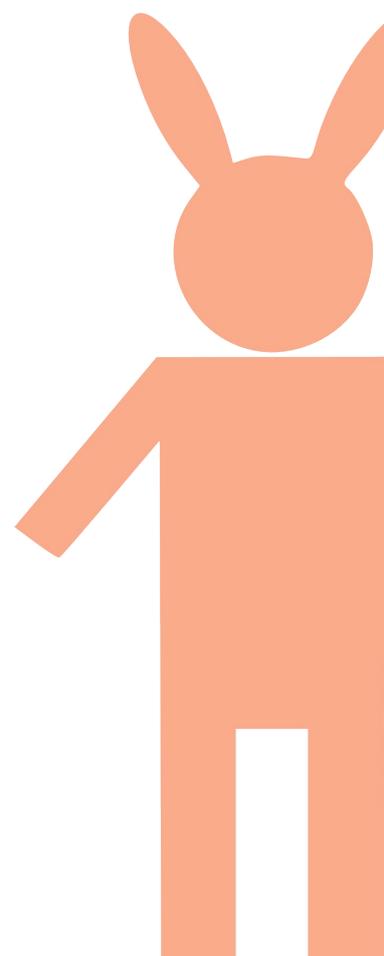
Change Camp Victoria

Come prepared to meet new people, cross-pollinate, challenge old ideas and explore action. We'll do this via group-directed, day-long collaboration that will encourage meaningful conversation, spark new alliances, and deepen connections across the city.

Come ready to add your voice and attend a post-event party where we'll mash up good times and great ideas!

Excited?

Great! Dive into the following pages to get a better idea of what to expect.



Saturday 27 April, 9:30am - 4pm

Price: \$30 (includes coffee/tea and lunch)

This is a non-profit event. All proceeds cover event costs of venue and insurance.

Venue: Maritime Courtroom at the Maritime Museum, 28 Bastion Square Victoria

Book online via Ticketrocket: <http://tinyurl.com/bogy7>

Special thanks to Vancity for their donation towards lunch!

Read this (please)!

We've collected answers to some common questions to help you get the most of the day. If the bunnies haven't answered your question, contact Colleen McCormick or Lee Sentes.



Er... what's all this about then?

The purpose of the event is to network social innovators and agents of change in and around Victoria's communities to create the conditions for collective impact when addressing common social challenges.

Sounds lofty, but at its essence is a frustration with the status quo. Each of us knows about different change-focused projects and programs happening all over BC. Yet the problems being addressed seem entrenched. So what's holding things up? How can we move past problem identification to the next step, action? How can we harness the skills of cross sector collaboration to catalyse new ways forward? These are the main problems we've been trying to nut out.

A diverse group of people from various walks of life (public sector, artists, consultants, normal people etc.) have been meeting since November 2012 to create the Victoria Change Camp event. Many of the planners have a lot of experience as social innovators and have participated in various change camps in the past.



Who's the high-priced-foreign-guest-speaker-guru-author-expert that's going to tell us what to do?

You are ;)



How's this going to happen? What's the plan for the day?

The format can best be described as 'structured looseness'. There is a well thought out plan to the day. However, the agenda and the topics of each session will be decided on the day through a facilitated process. After that, the sessions are run by whoever is best able to articulate the issue and most interested.

In a nutshell we'll be:

- a) Diagnosing the problem – what is holding us back?
- b) Sharing tools and resources – how can we share what we already know?
- c) Action – what now?





Should I come with a prepared talk, including a million powerpoint slides?

Powerpoint is not forbidden, but run-of-the-mill, text heavy slides with dizzying collections of bullet points that go on and on and on... not interested. The goal is to create the conditions for a good conversation, not the one-way communication of a regular presentation. This is not the place to recycle that conference talk you did in 2010. However, live demos, slides with inspiring photos, or a handful of informative graphs are superb. A laptop and projector will be available.

Also, you shouldn't plan to speak for more than half of a session (30 minutes speaking out of 60 minute sessions). A good short talk can set the scene for an informed and focussed conversation, but be sure to leave ample time for the conversation. You know a sessions is working well when you 're not sure where the talk ended and the Q&A began.



How many people will be in each session?

Anywhere from 4 to 20. The best sessions are generally the smaller ones, since they produce the most intense conversations.



If I want to run a session, should I have a detailed plan for it in advance?

Yes. And no.

If you have a detailed plan, that's likely to be a good thing. But, you should be prepared to abandon your plan if the discussion moves in a direction that's interesting and productive, even if it isn't what you originally had in mind.



I have a website/application/object/do-dad I'd like to bring to the demo. Can I do that?

Absolutely. Do-dads rock.

If it makes sense to run a session as a bit of show and tell, go for it. Or, you're welcome to set it up in common space for people to wonder at for the rest of the day.



To do's

Be on time!

Please be on time (9:15 doors will open for a 9:30 start). The first session of the day is a 'get-to-know-each-other' session. For the style of event we're planning, this is really important. Connecting with people is the whole point of the day! This initial short, structured session will set you up for good conversations for the rest of the day.

Bring your session idea

During the planning session, we'll all have the chance to write down a session idea and put in on the wall for everyone to look at and react to. We'll then collaboratively construct a schedule for the day out of these session ideas.

The planning process is at the heart of what makes the difference between a good Change Camp and a great Change Camp. You'll have a much better experience if you come prepared to be involved.

Basic schedule

9:15	Arrivals, welcome and speed networking
10:00	Provocative, short 'disruptive' narratives from guest speakers (2 - 5 mins each)
10:30	Real time co-creation of agenda
11:30	Sessions
12:30	Lunch
1:30ish	Sessions continue
4:00	Reflections and Next Steps

Questions?

Contact Colleen McCormick or Lee Sentes to query anything.

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