

## **Atlantic Charities Learning Exchange: Coming Soon**

Small and rural charities in New Brunswick will be given resources in understanding what the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) requires from them on a yearly basis. The Volunteer Centre of Southeastern New Brunswick and the Centre de bénévolat de la Péninsule acadienne will be the partner organizations in the Province of New Brunswick for the Atlantic Charities Learning Exchange (ACLE), an initiative spearheaded by the Community Services Council Newfoundland and Labrador.

“The learning exchange will connect charitable organizations across the Atlantic region in an effort to improve knowledge amongst volunteers and staff on how to meet annual reporting requirements to the CRA,” said CEO Penelope Rowe. “The learning exchange will be built online, but also features mail outs, telelearning opportunities and mentoring between charities. Its focus will be to assist small and rural charities and its emphasis will be placed on connecting those who manage charities with a growing number of tools and learning resources available to leaders in the charitable sector.”

The goals of the ACLE are:

- 1) Enhance communications and connections among Atlantic charities.
- 2) Improve understanding of compliance issues by charities in Atlantic Canada.
- 3) Transfer knowledge of handling compliance issues to charities with less experience.
- 4) Increase awareness, access, understanding and use of available compliance resources.

The Volunteer Centre of Southeastern New Brunswick and the Centre de bénévolat de la Péninsule acadienne in New Brunswick will assist with identifying local needs, organizing face to face meetings with staff and volunteers who wish to be connected to other charities, and leading telelearning sessions,” said Rowe. Partners are:

Centre de bénévolat de la Péninsule acadienne Inc at <http://www.cbpa.ca/>

Community Links at <http://www.nscommunitylinks.ca/>

Voluntary Resource Centre

Volunteer Centre of Southeastern New Brunswick at

<http://www.volunteergreatermoncton.com/>

Please continue reviewing this site for important project updates and announcements. Funding for the ACLE is provided by the Government of Canada in conjunction with the Charities Partnership and Outreach Program of the Canada Revenue Agency.

Related Links:

The Canada Revenue Agency <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/> and

The Charities File <http://thecharitiesfile.ca/>

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