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News Update

**September-
October 2006,
Senior Study
Visit to Canada
(British Columbia,
Nova Scotia)**

Heads of local self-government bodies and universities, officials of the Ministry of Economy, and representatives of the business community made a study tour of Canada from September 20 to October 3, 2006. The participants were divided into two, one visiting Nova Scotia and the other visiting British Columbia. The overall goal of the study visit is to increase the sustainability of CED initiatives in Ukraine by helping elected officials and administrators understand how the concept of CED is applied in Canada and how policies related to CED are developed and implemented at all levels of government. Another goal was to enable university leaders to learn how community economic development programs were delivered in Canadian universities.

In British Columbia the delegation from Ukraine was particularly impressed by the activities of such organizations as Simon Fraser University, the Institute of Co-operative Studies of British Columbia, the Research Institute of Sustainable Development, and the Canadian CED network.

In Nova Scotia, participants learned about different models of how the CED process was managed at the community level, visiting organizations such as the Greater Halifax Partnership, the Cape Breton Regional Municipality, the Canada/Nova Scotia Business Service Centre, Enterprise Cape Breton Corporation and New Dawn Enterprises. They also had presentations by Saint Mary's University, Dalhousie University, Cape Breton University, and St. Francis Xavier University. The representatives from Uzhgorod National University and Cherkasy State Technological University signed a memorandum of understanding with Saint Mary's University. A draft agreement between Kamjanka and the Cape Breton Regional Municipality was negotiated.

Study visit participants studied the work of educational institutions that trained specialists in community economic development and met with professors and students. They also visited a number of successful community-based enterprises (for example, in Nova Scotia, the Black Business Initiative and in British Columbia, the Community Futures Development Corporation of South Fraser. The study visit paid particular attention to formal meetings with local governments and to activities of individual public subdivisions dealing with CED issues.

On October 14 and 15, 2006, a training of trainers workshop on "Interactive Strategies of Teaching Adults" was held in Cherkasy. The workshop facilitators were Levko Dovhan (West Ukrainian Resource Center, Lviv) and Sofia Hrabovska (Lviv National University). Representatives of communities from Khudiaky village and the town of Kamjanka, as well as professors from Cherkasy State Technological University, took part in the workshop. CED Project partners had an opportunity to learn about interactive strategies of teaching adults and to acquire skills of sharing knowledge and experience gained in the project with members of other communities.



*During the classes
at the Simon Fraser University.
September 2006*



*Meeting at the City Council.
October 2006*

**14-15 October, 2006,
Training of Trainers
"Interactive Strategies
of Teaching Adults",
Cherkasy**



During the training. October 2006

The participants were introduced to interactive teaching strategies, specific features of facilitating workshops, and techniques of working with adults. Group work and discussion techniques were emphasized. Participants considered several types of discussions, including a simple discussion, an expert discussion, and a guided discussion with a role-swap. The training workshop also dealt with the important role of communication skills, information sharing and use of role-plays and demonstration exercises in learning interactive strategies of teaching adults.

Participants learned that the success of a trainer's work is determined by many factors: appropriate strategies, a professional training program, the communication skills of the trainer, and the ability to arouse the interest of the group and focus their attention on the main theme.

CED Project partners also participated in similar workshops in Lviv Oblast (November 11-12 and Transcarpathia Oblast (November 15-16).

19 October, 2006 Deputies' Hearings "The Town of Pustomyty in the Community Economic Development Project"

Deputies of the town council, representatives of the district state administration and community members took part on October 19, 2006, in deputies' hearings on "The Town of Pustomyty in the Community Economic Development Project.

Petro Lazarchuk, CED Project coordinator in Lviv Oblast, spoke about the key project activities in the region, focusing on the successful initiatives of some communities. Volodymyr Tverdokhlib, CED Project coordinator in Pustomyty, reviewed the achievements of the local community during the period of its participation in the project and informed those present about the public activities planned for 2007.

Mayor Volodymyr Kardash and the head of the District Council Yaroslav Drobot reported on the results of their recent CED Project study visit (September 22 – October 3) to Canada. Both stressed the great benefit of getting familiarized with the activities of Canadian social enterprises, institutions of higher education with community economic development training programs, and local governments implementing CED activities – with a view to possibly adapting the experience gained to Ukraine. In their opinion, they found of great importance the well-organized cooperation among local authorities, the NGO sector and the business community in Canada in successfully carrying out community economic development programs.

In addition, the action plan of Pustomyty development for 2006-2007 was also considered.

21 October, 2006, Workshop "Gender Aspects of Community Economic Development", Lviv

A workshop, "Gender Aspects of Community Economic Development", was conducted in Lviv on October 21, 2006. Residents of several communities in Lviv Oblast took part: members of the CED Project core group in Pustomyty, residents of Semenivka and Vovkiv in Pustomyty District, and community members from Stryj District.

The workshop was facilitated by Oksana Dugert, consultant on gender development and manager of the project "Olga & Oleg" (Kyiv), and Vasyl Poluiko, president of West Ukrainian Resource Center (Lviv). The goals of the workshop were to examine gender issues in relation to community economic development and to address economic parameters of gender inequality.

The theory and practice of gender equality are key concepts in sustainable community development. It means the equal participation of women and men in the process of improving their own social and economic circumstances and of their community as a whole.

According to Oksana Dugert, lack of equal opportunities for women hinders sustainable community development, including its economic development. The economic parameters of gender inequality are most apparent in the labour market, because women's salaries are nearly 30% lower than those of men. This issue retains its particular importance in the Ukraine's rural communities because the majority of women are engaged in agricultural sector.

The workshop also addressed ways of achieving gender equality and the detrimental effect of stereotypes in gender issues.

**27-29 October, 2006,
Workshop "Acquiring
Community Economic
Development Skills",
Lviv**

Judy Bopp, Four Worlds Centre for Development Learning (Alberta, Canada) and Tim Barry, trainer of the Centre for Sustainable Community Development, Simon Fraser University (British Columbia, Canada) facilitated the workshop, "Acquiring Community Economic Development Skills", on October 27-29. Bill Parady, a Canadian senior volunteer and expert in community economic development for the CED Project, also participated and shared his views about some features of acquiring skills of community economic development and establishing community ties in Ukraine. The participants were representatives of the CED Project partner communities.



Working in stall groups. October 2006

Judy Bopp and Tim Barry focused on the most important issues of CED, examining the specific features of CED in Canada and Ukraine. The key factor in community economic development is the level of human relationships, because people take on the responsibility for building their own future. The performance of core groups and the relationships among their members also play an important role because each core group chooses its own way of development for the entire community.

Providing feedback is especially important. It is essential to take into account the beliefs and position of the other side. The workshop made a detailed analysis of the types of behavior in groups and the establishment of good relationships between the core group and the community. Constructive interpersonal relationships within the core group were also studied, including the choice of leaders and approval of decisions on the basis of partnership.

Participants discussed various situations in their community and looked at ways of addressing them, taking into account social, economic and religious features of the community. At the end members of various core groups mapped the results of their activities in the community. The cornerstones in the process of this type of mapping are the goal of the community, the role of the core group, and existing opportunities of developing local business activities.

**22 November, 2006,
Second Children's
Playground "Dzyha",
Navariya Village,
Lviv Oblast**

Inspired by the successful initiative of Pustomyty in opening a playground "Dzyha" for its children, citizens of Navariya, a nearby village, set to work and established a playground of their own. This was the second social project aimed at improving the leisure time and education of children initiated by in Pustomyty District.

The second new playground "Dzyha" (or whirligig) came about as the result of joint efforts of the local people, local authorities and businesses. The Bishop Budka Charitable Society (Canada), which had earlier made a contribution to the playground in Pustomyty, provided financial support. The project was coordinated by an initiative group and the Ptakh Youth Centre.

The following also assisted in creating the playground: the District Centre of Social Services for Youth, the Pustomyty town council, the business firms Yasen, Arka Service, and ComfortBud, the municipal housing and utility agency, and the LLC APP Lvivske.



*The youngest community members
open the Children's Playground.
November 2006*

In This Issue
We Present Another
CED Project Partner–
The Carpathian
Foundation,
Uzhgorod

The Carpathian Foundation began in 1992 when the East-West Institute convened a meeting of local and regional leaders from the Carpathian regions of five countries: Ukraine, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia. It was initially known as the Fund for the Development of the Carpathian Euroregion. The Charles Stuart Mott Foundation, provided an initial planning grant for the purpose of creating the Fund and then committed to a grant of more than US\$ 4 million over a five-year period to the Fund. Later the Fund changed its name to the Carpathian Foundation. Its Ukrainian branch is located in Uzhgorod, while the headquarters are in Slovakia.

The goal of the Carpathian Foundation is to foster good neighborly relations and social stability, to promote economic progress in the border territories of Ukraine, Hungary, Romania, Poland and Slovakia.

The Carpathian Foundation has the following objectives:

- To strengthen local democracy and the development civil society by promoting local action with local responsibility and accountability
- To enhance the capacity of non-profit and local government organizations to address community and regional needs
- To promote cross-border and inter-ethnic cooperation, sharing of information and the replication of successful practices
- To encourage citizens participation in local and regional development
- To promote cooperation among NGOs, local governments and businesses

In recent years the Foundation has focused its attention on promoting reforms in the social sphere. Thus, in partnership with the Co-operating Netherlands Foundations for Central and Eastern Europe (CNF), a network of charitable foundations in the Netherlands working in Central and Eastern Europe, it is implementing a program of social transformation in western Ukraine. In the framework of these activities, grants totaling US\$ 1 million were provided in 2005. In early 2006 the program expanded its activities to the whole of Ukraine.

The Foundation also supports projects outside the Carpathian region which are aimed at assisting family-type orphanages and foster families. Since 2005, in collaboration with the EuroAcademy (Greece), the Carpathian Foundation has been implementing the Project of sustainable development of green tourism in Ukraine.

The Carpathian Foundation is a partner in Transcarpathia of the Community Economic Development Project. Thus, the Foundation performs expert appraisal, monitoring and evaluation of projects. In addition to that, the Carpathian Foundation channels grants from the CED Project for community partners in the project and verifies financial reports.

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Notice
of Coming Events

- On December 3 and 4, 2006, workshops on governance will be conducted for CED Project partner communities in the towns of Perechyn and Stryj. The trainers will be Tetiana Kudina (Khudiaky, Ukraine) and Bill Pardy (Canada, volunteer in Perechyn).
- On December 13, the CED Project's fourth annual Joint Steering Committee meeting will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia.
- Roundtable meetings of CED Project partners who went on study visits to various provinces of Canada will be held in January-February, 2007. These roundtable meetings will enable all the participants in the study tours to share experience not only among themselves but with other Ukrainians.
- Starting in January, 2007, the first pilot delivery of courses in community economic development will be made by the West Ukrainian Resource Center in Lviv Oblast, by the resource center of ANGO in Cherkasy Oblast, and the charitable foundation Civic Initiatives in Perechyn District (Transcarpathia).

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For more information on the activities, publications and other materials of the Project, please refer to our web-site www.ced.org.ua. The web-site contains links to other organizations working in the field of CED, provides information about the Project partners, covers activities of community-participants in the Project, and provides materials from training courses and seminars on CED. Here you will also see a lot of interesting photos – visit our web-site!!!

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