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Movements for Change

Concerned citizens and engaged organizations across Canada are working to create a more just and caring society. They are developing new and innovative ways of working together to create solutions to the complex problems facing their communities.

They are launching movements for change.

Tamarack believes that the way we work is as important as what we are working on. We also recognize that we, and many of our partners, work like an organization, but we think like a movement. That's why, in 2006, we're focusing our efforts on learning more about movements for change, specifically movements that are born in a local context but grow to become national or international social change efforts.

We'll focus on learning how to "think" like a movement and we hope you'll join us on January 19th when we launch our tele-learning series with Al Etmanski and Vickie Cammack, two of Canada's pre-eminent movement leaders.

We hope that our Movements for Change learning theme will inspire and encourage your excitement about the potential of large-scale, sustainable social change in our communities and country!



Register for "Thinking like a Movement" with Al Etmanski and Vickie Cammack!

Related Links:

- [Visit our newly launched Movements for Change section!](#)
- [Check out our Movements for Change research report.](#)

By: Louise Kearney

The Social Economy Has Arrived!

Community development practitioners have promoted the social economy as a distinct sector of the larger economy for many years. With the exception of Quebec though, the idea never took hold within the federal or provincial governments.

However, the federal government's announcement in the 2004 Throne Speech and the subsequent financial commitment of an estimated \$132 million over five years has increased the sector's credibility within all regions of the country.

The government's support recognizes the social economy as an entrepreneurial, not for profit sector that seeks to enhance the social, economic and environmental conditions of communities.

For the first time, with the exception of Quebec, not for profit organizations across Canada are able to receive financial contributions toward the cost of projects that will increase the capacity of organizations and communities to develop the social economy sector.



[Learn more about the emerging Social Economy movement.](#)

Related Links:

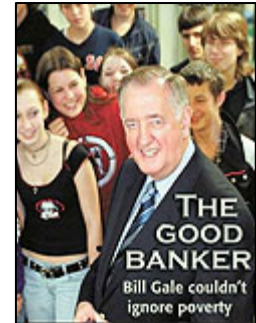
- [The Government of Canada on the Social Economy](#)
- [What We Need to Know About the Social Economy: A Guide for Policy Research](#)

By: David Pell

A Vibrant Communities Leadership Profile - *A Legacy to Be Proud Of*

With over 39 years in banking, including a stint as the Royal Bank's vice-president New Brunswick, the last thing you might expect Bill Gale to be is a passionate anti-poverty advocate.

But that's what this Member of the Order of New Brunswick is. Prompted by a brief encounter with a down-and-out man on Saint John's King Street in October 1997, Bill has worked to bring members of the business and professional community together to address poverty. Saint John's Business Community Anti-Poverty Initiative (BCAPI) was chiefly born of Bill's drive and passion, and his colleagues' bias for action.



Today, BCAPEI has more than 200 businesses and organizations in its membership. Its most important work is that of linking Saint John's poor with the business community.

Eight years ago Bill Gale helped to start a quiet business revolution that has in turn launched and supported programs for single and teen mothers, low-income housing, centres for young people and employment and education programs for low-income people. But his work isn't finished. Not by a long shot.



[Read the New Brunswick Reader's profile of Bill Gale – The Good Banker!](#)

Related Links:

- [Visit the BCAPEI website!](#)
- [Poverty and Plenty: A Statistical Snapshot of the Quality of Life in Greater Saint John](#)

By: Sharalynn Krahn

Vibrant Communities Update

Saskatoon, SK - The Quint Development Corporation and Childrens Hunger and Education Program (CHEP) are making progress on Station 20 West, a project that seeks to build a multipurpose facility to provide services and a much needed large grocery store in Saskatoon's core neighbourhoods. Learn more [here](#).

Surrey, BC - The members of Vibrant Surrey have produced some helpful resources on how they understand poverty and pathways out of poverty. Learn more [here](#).

Waterloo, ON - Opportunities Waterloo Region is hosting a community conversation on January 24th, featuring Ron Saunders, Canadian Policy Research Networks (CPRN) and author of *Risk & Opportunity: Options for Vulnerable Workers*. Learn more [here](#).

The End of Poverty

Jeffrey Sachs has been called "the most important economist in the world" by The New York Times Magazine and "the world's best-known economist" by Time magazine. When he speaks, people listen. And he's saying something that's capturing people's imagination and hope: extreme poverty can be eliminated and it can be done in our time.



In *The End of Poverty: Economic Possibilities for Our Time*, Sachs presents a blueprint for world-wide economic success — a goal, he argues, we can reach in a mere twenty years.

As director of the U.N. Millennium Project, and also Director of Columbia University's Earth Institute and Special Advisor to UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, Sachs is internationally renowned for advising governments in Latin America, Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, Asia and Africa on economic reforms and for his work with international agencies to promote poverty reduction, disease control, and debt reduction of poor countries.

Poverty, Sachs argues, is preventable and its eradication is achievable. *The End of Poverty* provides concrete action steps, including ones we can take as individuals, to eliminate poverty in our time.

 Read Sachs' Time Magazine article, *The End of Poverty*.

Related Links:

- [Watch the video from a Sachs' lecture at the Earth Institute](#)
- [Millennium Promise, chaired and co-founded by Jeffrey Sachs, mobilizes support for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.](#)

By: Louise Kearney

I ate weigh too much!

I love to eat!

Some people eat to live. I'm ashamed to say I live to eat!

The cupboards in my childhood home were filled with food; we had two freezers full of meat, baked goods and vegetables, and a cellar full of preserves. We often had two kinds of meat at dinner - and that was the healthy part of the meal! Our family, and extended community of Mennonites, many of whom had experienced severe starvation fleeing the Soviets during the Second World War, had a basic motto: "We eat and therefore we are!"

After a holiday full of turkey, ham, my sister's decadent desserts, candy, snacks, more turkey, some curry, and copious amounts of wine and other spirits, my scale in our bathroom stared at me like a rabid dog on January 1st of this year.

So it feels right to start the year by eating a bit lighter and healthier. I love soup and one of my favourite recipes is a very healthy and lean Red Pepper soup.

 [Get Paul's recipe here!](#)

Related Links:

- [Other Tamarack recipes](#)

By: Paul Born