



OEN Tools & Offering and Planning for the Future - Where Are We Now?

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Tools and Offerings

Tools & Offerings 2014 Survey: Conclusion- Large respondent need for Organizational Capacity Building tools as well as Environmental / Sustainability Information

Where are we now? Proposing:

- Webinars – Both on ENGO Capacity Building and Environmental Topics starting in the fall
- Exploring Member Access to Collaboration Tools
- Community Virtual Centre – A gate way for Members and the Public to Environmental Information and Discussion
- Active Strategic Planning for OEN over the coming 5 Years

Webinars

Suggested Topics for 2016-17

Focus in Capacity Building/ Sustainability & Environment

List of suggested Topics:

- Climate Change
- Ontario Environmental Bill of Rights - what Rights accorded to all Ontario citizens
- Energy: the pro's and cons of Wind Power
- Federal: Governments agenda on the environment – Sustainable Development Goals
- Ontario Environmental Commissioner – Plans and Priorities
- Refugees Environmental Settlement & Integration
- Capacity Building Topics: Effective use of Social Media, Writing Effective Funding Proposals, Funding Sources in Ontario

Technologies to Allow Informal Member Collaboration

Discounted prices on:

- Member access to teleconferencing services
- Access to a person to person chat function

Virtual Community Centre

Reflects the need for more than periodic “face to face”, interactive information/discussion platforms

Accessed through the OEN website, it could include:

- Bulletin Board
- Environmental News Section
- A Virtual Library

Community Virtual Centre Bulletin Board

- It could include:
 - Action Alerts / Calls for Collaboration
 - E&S Questions and Answers
 - Enviro / Sustainability (E&S) Jobs / Positions (as hosted by GoodWorks.ca)
 - Individual's Posting of Qualifications and Availability for Environmental Positions (Sharing Similarities with LinkedIn)
 - A User generated Calendar of Upcoming E&S Events
 - Collaborative Blogs

Community Virtual Centre Environmental / Sustainability News

- Current E&S News from Canada & the World
- OEN specific news

Community Virtual Centre The Library

- A moderated collection of user contributed articles/papers on E&S (sorted by topic)
- A moderated user contributed citation Index
- Archived OEN Webinars
- ENGO capacity building tools
- Links to other Environmental and Sustainability Libraries

Development of a Renewed OEN Vision, Mission & Strategies

- The world has changed since last considered in 1992 when last considered – especially in the area of communications and social media.
- The principle focus of a meeting Sunday at the office of Plenty Canada
- Will focus on providing input to a OEN's Vision for the Province 5 Years from now.
- This will support definition of the Tools and Offerings in the 2017-22 period.

Questions?
Discussion

Does Your Organization Have Suggestions Regarding OEN Tools and Offerings?

- What topics would your organization like to see covered in the webinar series starting in the fall?
- Is there information/resources/ capabilities that you would like to see in the Virtual Community Centre?
- Does your organization have views on the Strategic Direction of OEN in the coming 5 years?

Please feel free your views on any of these issues at oen@oen.ca.