

# Vantage Point Fast Facts

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A monthly e-newsletter with voluntary sector news and updates.

## **Vantage Point and The Philanthropist**

The “new” Philanthropist is now available online! The Philanthropist is an e-review that provides a forum for thoughtful discussion and debate on the non-profit world in Canada. The [winter issue](#) focuses on challenges and opportunities in the non-profit sector.

Be sure to check out the article by our very own Colleen Kelly and Virginia Brown – [First It's About the People. ALL the People.](#)

## **Executive Director Institute**

This year long program starting on April 1 is an opportunity to learn everything you wish you already knew about your job. The goal of the program is to build critical leadership that will impact your organization's ability to be strategic, innovative and deliver on mission.

For more information or to register, click [here](#).

## **Leaders Circle 2010 Starts in April!**

Beginning April 7, Leaders Circle offers a monthly opportunity for voluntary sector leaders to learn together, develop a network of support, and share and receive ideas and feedback.

For more information or to register, click [here](#).

## **Analysis and Implications: 2007 Canada Survey of Giving, Volunteering and Participating**

Join Vantage Point and online hosts from [Imagine Canada](#) on March 17 for a review and discussion of the 2007 [Canada Survey of Giving, Volunteering and Participating](#). Imagine Canada will host an online presentation of the survey followed by a facilitated group discussion.

For more information or to register click [here](#).

## **Skilled Volunteers: How to Find & Engage Volunteer Talent**

Would your organization like to engage different types of volunteers to strengthen its mission? On March 23, learn how to find, involve and lead specifically-skilled volunteers in this full day workshop.

For more information or to register, click [here](#).

## **The BC Society Act: What you don't know CAN hurt you**

Do you know if your organization is in compliance with the Society Act? Wonder how this Act affects the ongoing work of your board and organization? Join us on March 31 to gain a better understanding of the Act through one of the top legal experts in this area, Margaret Mason, a partner with Bill Housser Tupper LLP.

For more information or to register, click [here](#).

## **Next Leaders Network Presents: [New Workshops for Spring 2010](#)**

Join us on March 31, for [Uniting Passion & Pragmatism to Brand your Mission](#), where Mike Rowlands of [Octopus Strategies](#) will share examples, insights, and experiences from the not-for-profit and corporate sectors while you identify ways to make your organization stand out.

On April 15, Ray Bertani, Managing Director and Founder of [Cura Solutions](#), will lead a fun and hands-on session focusing on [Performance Management Essentials](#) that will build your competency in this key area.

For information on these sessions and to view our complete Spring workshop series, click [here](#).

To learn more about the Next Leaders Network, click [here](#).

## **IdeaEncore Resources**

Nonprofits and those who support them can now share, sell, and buy practical knowledge, planning materials, and management tools through [IdeaEncore Network](#), a knowledge sharing marketplace. Create a [free account](#), and you will receive discounts on fees when items you sell are purchased. To qualify, choose Vantage Point as your “primary professional affiliation” on your individual profile.

Here are just a few examples of valuable resources:

1. [Strategies for Managers Working within Founder’s Syndrome Organizations](#), Free
2. [Re-Active Marketing: Is It Costing Your Nonprofit More Than You Think?](#), \$5
3. [Employee Informal Complaint Policy](#), Free
4. [Executive Director Annual Review Process](#), \$20
5. [Increasing Funding Impact](#), Free

## **BC Society Act Review Consultation**

Strengthen the voice of the local not-for-profit sector leaders by responding to the BC Government's [request for consultation](#) on changes to the Society Act. [Click here](#) to view more information about the Society Act Review currently being undertaken by the Ministry of Finance, and do visit the related [website / blog](#) which has been set up by United Community Services Co-op (with funding from Vancity, Vancouver Foundation and Tides Canada Foundation).