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Enhancing Social Planning in Durham Region

We are pleased to take this opportunity to introduce and invite you to the *Enhancing Social Planning in Durham Region Collaborative*.

The overall goal of this project is to increase the social planning and community development capacity of the volunteer sector in Durham Region's rural and underserved communities. Some priority communities include, but not limited to: Uxbridge, Brock, Scugog, and Clarington. This project seeks to enhance the research and social planning activities of relevant issues in these communities and better position them to respond to changing socioeconomic conditions, and ultimately allowing for the development of more inclusive and engaged communities.

This project will support the development of a formalized collaborative partnership between the Community Development Council Durham (CDCD) and the North Durham Social Development Council (NDSDC). In addition, several community organizations and community leaders are invited to participate as community liaisons in the collaborative, specifically ensuring that the CDCD/NDSDC are well connected to community networks and members.

This 2-year project is funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation, and will be achieved by the following activities:

- Host several community meetings and focus groups to discuss social planning/community development needs, and strategies to enhance and sustain community engagement.
- Conduct a comprehensive social asset/needs analysis (to be updated annually).
- Increase website presence to promote program, service, and information resources of CDCD and NDSDC.
- Present and provide regular updates to municipal and regional councils.
- Facilitate discussions between the CDCD and the NDSDC to establish roles and responsibilities in the delivery of social planning activities in Durham's rural northern communities.
- Developments of a strategic plan for ongoing social research and planning, and joint CDCD and NDSDC social research and planning projects.
- Expansion and enhancement of both CDCD and NDSDC memberships.

For further information and details on how to get involved, please contact:

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