

Rural Philanthropy Roundtable

Agenda
Sept 28th 2004

- 10:00 – 10:35 Welcome and Introductions
Gary Davison, Chair Foundation for Rural Living
- 10:35 – 10:45 Our Goals and Aspirations...
Objectives and Overview
Roundtable Moderator: Catherine Lang
- 10:45 – 11:00 Understanding Rural...Assets, Challenges and Opportunities
Setting the Stage; Rationale for the consultation;
Commentary on the challenges and opportunities in rural
Michelle Quintyn, Foundation for Rural Living
- 11:00 – 11:45 Perceptions of Rural: Does it Matter?
Perceptions drive action. What are the prevailing current perceptions of rural?
What impact do these perceptions have on rural and rural philanthropy?
Facilitated by Paul Born, Tamarack Institute for Community Engagement
- 11:45 – 12:00 Health Break
- 12:00 – 12:15 Issues and Actions in Rural: A Practitioners Perspective
The daily experience of rural practitioners from a funder and rural advocate's perspective
as they work to capitalize on the assets and address the challenges in rural communities
Sheila Simpson, The Ontario Trillium Foundation
- 12:15 – 12:45 Thinking about Rural: Ideas to Foster Engagement
Opportunity to creatively think about the issues and what could be done
Facilitated dialogue: Catherine Lang
- 12:45 – 1:30 Lunch and Networking
- 1:30 – 2:00 Transforming Rural Communities: Rural Philanthropy at work in the U.S.
Inspiration from our US neighbours
Jim Richardson, National Rural Funders Collaborative
Alan McGregor, Southern Rural Development Initiative
- 2:00 – 3:00 Thinking about Rural Investment: Strategies to Foster Philanthropy (continued)
Breakout sessions, generating specific recommendations...
Presentations and facilitated dialogue
- 3:00 – 3:35 Future Directions
Steps toward change, champions to lead...
- 3:35 – 4:00 Wrap Up, Evaluation and Thanks

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