

Ontario Nonprofit Network UnConference

Strengthening Our Connections

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Hart House, University of
Toronto

ONN is your network. We are here to work with you, to engage your expertise, knowledge, and passion in action-focused constellations, creating opportunities for the emergence of new ideas and flexible responses to our sector's needs.

Our sector has an amazing energy and we're making headway in responding to the pressing issues that we face, but real change happens when we work together. We need you to be a part of crafting our future. Together, we can make a difference.



Basking in sunlight and conversation over lunch



Afternoon breakout group discussions: Social Enterprise, Community Building, Making Social Media Work, Sharing, Collaborations, and Mergers, Working to Outcomes, Funder Expectations, Funding Reform, Donor Retention for the Little Guy, Upcoming Elections, Building Relations with our MPPs, Governance, Partnership, Networks and Model



“ ‘Co-dependent listening’ is one of the greatest strengths a network can have.” Joanne Cave

@joannecave ~ student at UofT and founder of @opheliasvoice - passionate about nonprofit leadership, youth engagement, social innovation/policy, and girls' and women's issues

#onn2011 trended during the conference – people are looking for ways to contribute to the conversation

“Why collaborate? There is wisdom a group has that an individual doesn't. You don't know what you don't know - but your group might” Jenna Cloughley

@jennacloughley ~ Big city living in a open minded world! Creating partnerships, synergies & making ideas come to life. What are YOU up to?



How are we defining the sector? **What is next for ONN?** Who is going to take responsibility? How are we going to collaborate? What do we need to make stronger connections?



How would you describe the sector?

Don't call it non-profit; that term undermines the VALUE that is created by this sector. This sector generates value in the community. It is entrepreneurial- focused on making value (and money). - Larry Johanson, Multicultural Council of Oshawa Durham

If there is one common thread, the sector is “diverse”- Daniella Lagiglia, Small Change Fund

Vibrant, diverse, layered, innovative. Big work with little resources. Huge solution makers. Influential. So large that its mere size makes it influential. – Alise Rinniceano, MCI; Sandy Kesheen, Reena; Melissa Koesler

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“The collaboration **ONLY** works if the others allow you to be beautiful” Jennifer Chan @exhibit_change
~ encouraging impact through design thinking and playful curiosity, to promote service learning, civic engagement and community development

“An important lesson in collaboration: get rid of the world of Me and enter the world of We! From The Gryphon Trio” Viola Dessanti @violaOTF ~ i like local and global public policy, I collaborate, learn new tools & use technology. i eat, travel and dance. i work @ OTF. these are my personal views

Orchestrating Collaboration- Rob Kapilow & the Gryphon Trio

The first step is establishing agreed upon principles | The Best symphonies listen well; to each other & to the audience | What does it mean to compromise? Accept what is on the table and make the best you can out of it. | You're only a leader if others follow you and you only succeed as a leader if others let you. There is no role too small to ruin collaboration. | When you know that you don't know what you don't know and you're excited to find out!

What role do you see/want to see ONN taking on?

When at home, it's very easy to forget to work together. ONN will be a big help. The social innovation perspective is going to be important. – Jaelle Cowis, Big Brothers Big Sisters CA

Help us speak with a unified voice- we're larger than the auto sector and we need only look at that sector to see what can happen when you work together! Web portal is important, it will help educate the sector on funding and policy changes; help with the relationship with the three ministries in Ontario that impact us. – Maureen Anglin, Frontier College

I have a lot of hope; I see a lot of potential. It is a very real role to fill. Looking to see a sector voice. Organizations lack time and capacity, so perhaps ONN could help step in to help them solve joint issues. - Derek Eng, Toronto Public Library Willowdale Community.

“Ontario working for stronger, better relationship with non-profits; internal database to streamline admin - Minister Hoskins at” Michael Shapcott @michaelshapcott ~ Family man (husband, father); social justice advocate; accordion player; occupies 'radical centre'





“@DrEricHoskins: it is a formidable challenge turning good intentions and great enthusiasm into meaningful change” Ushnish Sengupta @ultush ~ Project Manager with a passion for the Non-Profit Sector, interests include Social Enterprise, Metrics, Measurement and Evaluation, Opensource Ideas



“Partnership Project will seek representation geographically and sub-sectors for an advisory council for public benefit sector.” Mark Kuznicki @remarkk ~ Social entrepreneur and changemaker, sometimes facilitator and strategist

Exhibit Change is hosted a team of Roving Reporters at the Ontario Nonprofit Network Unconference: “Strengthening our Connections” to build connections and networks, to inspire conversations, to capture the sector trends and to foster conference momentum into action.

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