



# CCP Community Learning Network Newsletter

November 2021



Welcome to the Comprehensive Community Planning (CCP) Community Learning Network (CLN) Newsletter. This is a monthly newsletter containing information and updates on all things CCP.

This month, we are sharing highlights from the **17th annual BC CCP Workshop**, which was held virtually for the second year in a row. Fall is often the season when CCP coordinators are hired and/or communities pick up their CCP work after the summer; the CCP Workshop brings new energy and lots of learning to support that process and this year was no different!

**In this month's newsletter, you'll find information on the following:**

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## **1. Seasonal Reflections**



Fall is a time to finalize the preparations for the long, dark, colder days ahead, and there can be a frenetic energy to make sure we have harvested, processed, and put away enough to survive the winter.

These days, as people are back from summer holidays and time spent on the land, there is also a renewed focus on getting to work in the office. At the same time, our bodies are feeling the seasonal change, and might need more rest.

Balancing the rhythms of the seasons with the work cycles imposed by dominant/colonial culture can be especially tricky.

**What teachings do you carry for the Fall season? How can these teachings support you to move through this busy time?**

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## 2. CCP Workshop Update

This year's CCP Workshop theme was "Planning for Community Wellness and Healing Through CCP." Over three days, more than 150 participants, speakers, CCP mentors, youth, elders, and cultural performers came together to share virtual time and space and explored how planning can support individual and collective healing.

To bring the theme to life, the CCP Workshop planning team brought more attention and intention to the workshop's accessibility this year. Making CCP engagements as accessible and inclusive as possible supports community wellness, because more people can participate and feel a sense of belonging in both the planning process and in the community. To model how we might make CCP inclusive and accessible, the CCP Workshop included American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters to interpret the workshop sessions and captionists to offer live captions; participants were encouraged to share their gender pronouns in their Zoom names; and speakers were asked to provide their slides and materials to participants ahead of time. One of the breakout sessions also focused on inclusive community engagement grounded in Indigenous values.

Each breakout session was recorded, and the CCP Workshop planning team is in the process of adding captions to the videos before uploading them to the CCP Workshop YouTube Channel. [Check out the 2020 videos here](#) and subscribe to the channel now to get notifications when the 2021 videos are available!

In the meantime, check out the Miro boards from the closing plenaries, as well as notes from each session [here](#).

**2021 CCP Workshop Website**

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## 3. CCP Community of Practice



Thank you to all who continue to attend our monthly BC CCP Community of Practice (CoP) gatherings. The BC CCP CoP is a group of people with a shared purpose of CCP work that comes together to support each other in continued learning, development, and problem-solving in their CCP journeys.

In September, we had a great session on engaging governance and leadership in CCP with CCP Mentor Cici Sterritt. [Notes from the September Community of Practice can be found here.](#)

We took a break in October for the CCP Workshop, and we are back with our next gathering on Tuesday, November 23, 2021, from 9:30am to 12pm. CCP Mentor Sandra Harris will be hosting and sharing on the theme of “Conflict Engagement and Resolution.”

Registration is required to attend, and you can register any time before the gathering begins here:

[Register for the November CCP CoP here](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. We will also send a reminder email and zoom link to registrants 15-30 minutes before the gathering.

You can find all future BC CCP CoP gatherings listed [here](#). We hope to see you on November 23!

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## 4. CCP Mentorship Initiative

[CCP Mentorship Sharing Circles](#) are launching this month! **If you're looking for a sustained and relationship-based way to receive CCP support, this is for you!**

What you need to know:

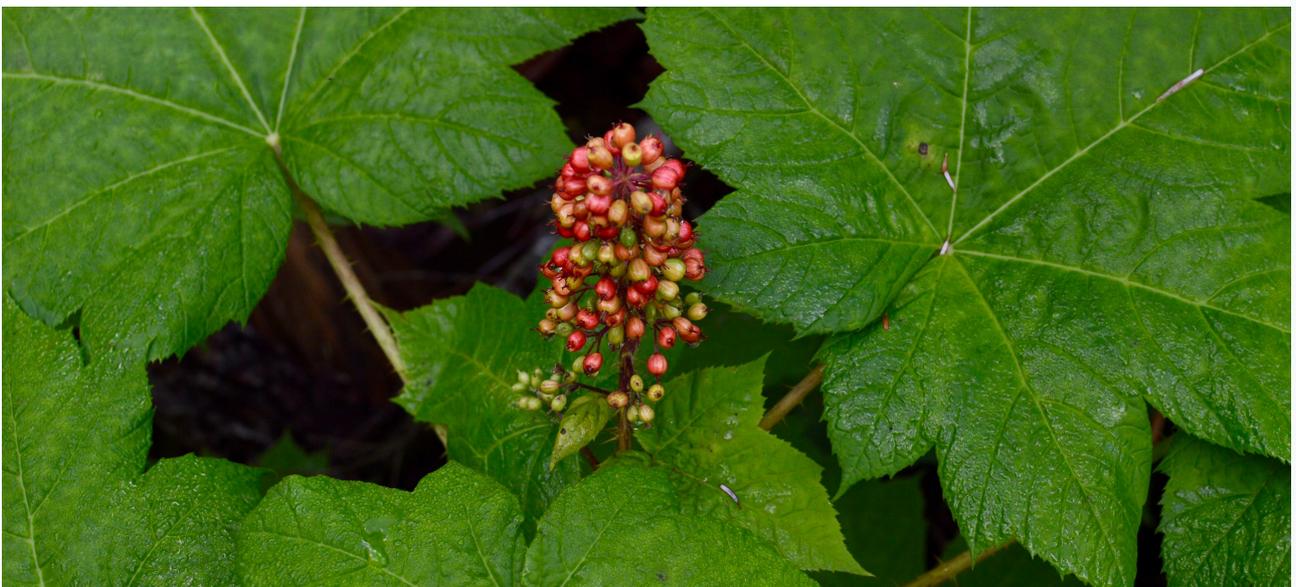
- Each Sharing Circle is a closed group of 2 CCP Mentors and 2 or more people from communities currently working on a CCP.
- The Sharing Circle is a place for CCP mentors to connect with the mentee communities and share stories, support, and advice. The CCP mentors may also share resources, assist the mentees with specific tasks (e.g., creating an online survey or designing a community engagement event), or offer examples of wise practices.
- Each CCP Mentorship Sharing Circle will have three 2-hour Zoom-based gatherings in November 2021, January 2022, and February 2022.
- Once the CCP Mentorship support team has received all expressions of interest from mentee communities, they will match mentors and mentees and reach out to each circle to set the date and time for the first circle in November 2021.

**[Please fill out this form](#) by Friday, November 12, 2021 to join a CCP Mentorship Sharing Circle.** If you fill out the form after November 12, we cannot guarantee that there will be space for you to participate.

You can also ask for Flash Mentorship support anytime if you have a specific and immediate CCP question. Fill out the [Flash Mentorship form](#) and we will connect you with a CCP Mentor who is well-suited to support you.

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## 5. Other CCP CLN Updates and Tools



The [CCP Planner](#) is a free online planning and reporting tool developed by and for BC First Nations community planners. The tool was shared at the CCP Workshop and during two follow-up training sessions in late October. If you missed the sessions, but would like to learn more, please let us know!

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## 6. Continued Learning Resources

Find learning resources related to accessibility, diverse identities, and wellness linked here:

- [How to Make Your Virtual Meetings and Events Accessible to the Disability Community](#)
- [How to Make Your Presentations Accessible to All](#)
- [Event Organizers: Give Access Information Up Front. Please?](#)
- [Introduction to Disability Justice](#)
- [The Two-Spirit, Queer, Disabled Scholar Making Waves](#)
- [‘I want to show the pride’: photo essay of the Two Spirit Indigenous people](#)
- [Our Stories: First Peoples in Canada - Gender Identities](#)
- [This is Not Our First Pandemic](#)

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## 7. Links to Associated and Relevant Webinars

Find upcoming webinars and training on the First Nations Public Service Secretariat (FNPSS) [Events calendar](#), check out the [FNPSS YouTube channel](#), or learn about previous [FNPSS webinars](#) on a variety of topics including planning, wellness, leadership, and COVID response.

[CCP YouTube Channel](#)

[CCP Facebook Group](#)

[CCP Website](#)

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## 8. Grounding Exercise



Find a comfortable position and close your eyes. Put one hand on your heart and one hand on your belly if it is comfortable for you.

Take 3 deep breaths and think about a time that you felt a strong sense of belonging.

How did that belonging feel in your body? What specific things made you feel like you belonged? Was it someone's kindness? Were your needs met? Sit with your sense of belonging and let it fill you up.

Next, think about the sense of belonging that you would like your community members to feel in CCP. What things would you like to do to create a sense of belonging for others? What wisdom are you carrying that can support you in your CCP work?

Take 3 more deep breaths and linger in your sense of belonging for as long as you would like, and open your eyes when you are ready.

## 9. Contact Information

We are here to support you! The [Community Learning Network Support Team](#) is honoured to serve you and your Nations on your CCP journeys. If you have any questions, concerns, thoughts, or just want to connect with us, you can email us at [ccp@fnps.ca](mailto:ccp@fnps.ca).

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