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About Kate:

Since the 1970s Kate's primary focus has been the economics, policies and politics of community development and social change.

She combines this passion with the study and implementation of conversations for change, dialogue and group facilitation. Kate is a social entrepreneur and has worked as an independent contractor since 2003. She organizes, coordinates and facilitates catalytic projects and events in the social/community sector.

Past challenges have included a report for the Federal Government's Co-operative Development Initiative (*Innovative Co-ops in the Social Services Sector*), and renewal of the Community Arts Council of Vancouver through consultancy management services and coordination of its highly successful symposium -- *Addiction in Vancouver: Community, Cultural Identity and Loss*. Kate developed an on-line learning course on dialogue for Langara Continuing Studies, and co-designed and facilitated Langara College's Community Development training for the City of Surrey Parks, Recreation and Culture staff.

Kate's consulting experience includes working with issues as diverse as environment, food policy, social co-ops, early childhood development, and storytelling as a way of reporting outcomes. She brings a wealth of experience to designing/facilitating consultations, community engagements, multi-stakeholder processes, conferences, forums, annual meetings, workshops and retreats. She also edits the Co-op's Big Think Series.

Education, Training, and Experience:

- Political Economy, University of Toronto, first year of Masters
- B. Sc. in Economics, University of Sussex (England), First class degree.
- Findhorn Foundation, Scotland – 1990-93
- Justice Institute of BC – Conflict Resolution and Negotiation
- Process Oriented Psychology, training in World Work with Arnold Mindell
- Open Space Technology, Bowen Island
- Integral Leadership, BC Healthy Communities.

Three Recent Projects:

- **Connecting for Kids in Pitt Meadows & Katzie** -- a community engagement initiative in support of community-driven greater integration of services for the Ridge Meadows Early Childhood Development Committee
- **Stone Soup** – Community Initiative facilitation to sustainably increase access to quality food by vulnerable families in the Sea to Sky Corridor
- **Putting Children First** – A strategic planning process including community engagement to create local grassroots Early Childhood Development teams in Squamish, Whistler and Pemberton