



Dufferin Not-For-Profit Support & Capacity-Building Project

Funding & Foundations Education Workshop Participant Feedback Summary

This summary of comments is a synthesis of both brief small group discussions and comments taken from individual feedback forms.

What are the highlights that stand out for you from tonight’s presentations?

- Finding out about all the various funding options

Given what you’ve heard, what opportunities should we, as a community, act upon to support a strong not-for-profit sector?

- Collaboration (x2)
- We need some source of sustainable funding to protect some of the smaller not-for-profits
- Support to help groups apply for grants
- Begin exploring a community foundation
- We need a community foundation
- We need to have the sector meet more often and work better together
- We need to begin looking at the feasibility of a community foundation
- We need to brainstorm collaborative project proposals with interested agencies

What are the first steps needed to move forward on these opportunities?

- Cart before the horse? Do we get a group (provisional Steering Committee) together to look at building a community foundation OR do we get groups together who need \$\$?
- We need to make the philosophical shift towards collaboration and find commonalities
- We need to get a provisional steering Committee in place to begin the process of exploring/establishing a community foundation
- We need a learning event to explore collaboration opportunities between not-for-profits
- We need proposal writing workshops
- Bring together the “movers & shakers” to start the giving (and create the beginnings of a community foundation)

What would you like to see come out of this meeting?

- A Community Foundation
- Another meeting to brainstorm ideas
- To continue to have these forums
- More collaborative efforts
- A Community Foundation
- More collaborative meetings to discuss “as a community of not-for-profits” what we need as a group
- Increased networking and collaboration with other local not-for-profits and charities

Additional Comments:

- Good session! Thanks
- Thank you for your work on this project. Big Brothers Big Sisters benefited not only from financial support but also from learning about possible grants and a chance to network with other agencies.