Public Health Association of BC

Building Wellbeing Societies & Communities

2025 Public Health Summer Institute

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8:30am - 3:00pm (small group sessions are highlighted in green)

8:30am - 8:45am	**Indigenous Welcoming** **Speaker: Sandra Martin-Harris (Wet'suwet'en Nation of the Laksilyu, Little Frog Clan & Member of the Witset First Nation)**
8:45am - 9:00am	**Program Overview**
9:00am- 10:00am	**What is Wellbeing, and what shapes it? (small group exercise)** **Moderators: Dr. Trevor Hancock & Dr. Lindsay McLaren**
10:00am - 10:20am	**Wellness Break**
10:20am - 11:00am	**Introduction to a Wellbeing Society** **Speakers: Dr. Lindsay McLaren & Dr. Trevor Hancock**
11:00am - 12:00pm	**What are the implications of a "wellbeing society"?** **Speakers: Dr. Lindsay McLaren & Dr. Trevor Hancock** ***Using Miro: A Brief Overview with Rebekah Erickson*** **Small group discussions & feedback** • Value, respect and nurture planet Earth and its ecosystems • Design an equitable economy that serves human development within planetary and local ecological boundaries • Develop healthy public policy for the common good • Role of health sector in creating a wellbeing society • Address the impacts of digital transformation • Expanded ideas of equity (inter-generational, inter-species etc) • Indigenous ways – "it is time to heed [Indigenous peoples'] voices, reward their knowledge and respect their rights" (Antonio Guterres, 2020) • Governance for health and wellbeing (making the wellbeing of all people, all living things, and the planet the central focus and purpose of society and re-imagining a system and process of governance that is consistent with these intents) **Expert Facilitators: Dr. Lindsay McLaren, Dr. Trevor Hancock, Maya Gislason, Val Morrison, Dr. Courtney Howard, Dr. Shannon Turner, Tina D. Purnat, Dr. Paul Kershaw, Sandra Martin-Harris, Dr. Claire Betker**

12:00pm - 1:00pm	**Lunch Break**
1:00pm - 1:20pm	**Making it real – Wellbeing Society & Public Health Practice** • **(The Canadian Coalition for Planetary Health and a Wellbeing Society, Healthy One Planet Communities – health co-benefits of sustainable living etc.)** **Speakers: Dr. Trevor Hancock & Dr. Lindsay McLaren**
1:20pm - 2:45pm	**World Café (Healthy Public Policy)** **A chance to explore and share ideas on what this means for you as a practitioner and as a citizen** • **Healthy food and ag policy** • **Healthy energy policy** • **Healthy & sustainable built environments** • **Transportation** • **Core values shift (and the role of Faith communities)** • **Decent Work** • **Reduced consumption and waste (frugal living, repair and recycling, purchasing used, etc.)** • **Local wellbeing economy** • **Restoring nature and biodiversity** • **Digital ecology – and mental and social wellbeing** • **Erosion of local democracy** • **Human and social connection** • **Governance reform** **Subject Expert Facilitators: Dr. Trevor Hancock, Dr. Lindsay McLaren, Zarah Monfaredi, Pemma Muzumdar, Rebecca Cheff, , Bob Peart, Dr. Shannon Turner, Tina D. Purnat, Dr. Simon Carroll, Lyn McDonell, Jade Yehia, Marika Smith, Pete Bombaci, Richard Han**
2:45pm - 3:00pm	**Closing Remarks & Quick Feedback** **Speakers: Dr. Lindsay McLaren & Dr. Trevor Hancock**

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