Judith Maxwell To Moderate E-Dialogue on Social Capital and Sustainable Development

Friday, March 8, 2002 – Social capital is a term generally used to describe the social networks that facilitate collective action - from the neighbourhood group that organizes to control local traffic to the international coalition that sparked the treaty to ban anti-personnel landmines. It is becoming increasingly clear that social capital has a powerful role in sustainable development.

This e-dialogue features a panel discussion, as well as an audience that will tune in from across the country to post questions to the panel and exchange views on-line among themselves. Judith Maxwell, President of CPRN will act as moderator as the panel addresses three questions over three days:

What is social capital? (Mar. 12)
What is the relationship between social capital and sustainable development? (Mar. 13)
What builds and what destroys social capital? (Mar. 14)

Panelists include: Herb Barbolet, executive director, Farm Folk/City Folk; Rod Dobell, professor, School of Public Administration, University of Victoria; the Mountain Equipment Co-op sustainability team; and James Tansey, research associate, Sustainable Development Research Institute, UBC.

Dates: March 12-14, 2002
Time: 1:30 - 3:00 pm PST / 4:30 - 6:00 pm EST each day

You can observe or participate by registering at www.e-dialogues.ca.

Royal Roads University, the Public Policy Forum and the Policy Research Initiative, are conducting this dialogue to test the Internet's potential to advance literacy on sustainable development issues, stimulate public policy discussion and, ultimately, to influence public policy.

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jobquality.ca is updated regularly with new indicators and other additions. The latest update features a new theme – *PCs @ Work*. We've added three new indicators: computer use in the workplace; the impact of technology on jobs; and the effects of PC use on job quality.

You'll also find the results of our last survey, where we asked visitors what they would most like to change in their job. And there's a new survey on e-mail use and its effect on workplace communication.

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