



Quality of Life and The Society We Want

May 26, 2000 – In March of this year, CPRN brought together 30 people interested in developing a set of indicators to measure Canada's progress in quality of life by asking Canadians what matters to them. Representing a broad cross-section of individuals and organizations, the participants reviewed the current knowledge in the field and made recommendations on ways to engage citizens in the process.

A report on that workshop is now available on our Web site. The report summarizes the deliberations and brainstorming at the event. It also details the way in which the exchange has helped to redefine the Quality of Life Indicators Project.

To see the report and for other information on the project, <u>click here</u>.

The latest edition of the newsletter of The Society We Want (TSWW) project is also out.

In this issue, you'll find the results of an extraordinary dialogue on health care. Almost 600 Canadians in British Columbia, Quebec and Ontario, took part in 57 The Society We Want dialogue groups to discuss the type of health care system they wanted, the changes they'd like to see and the kinds of trade-offs different health care choices might entail.

Joe Michalski, a senior researcher at CPRN, has analysed the results of the dialogue. Participants in the dialogue see access to the health care system for everyone as vital, says Michalski, and, "a majority of them want an expanded system that covers a wider range of services, even if it costs more money. That's the bottom line."

For more detail on this and other news from The Society We Want project, check out the May 2000 issue of the TSWW newsletter by <u>clicking here</u>.

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