

BC Community Asset Mapping Network



Workshop Notes January 25, 2019



Background

On January 25th 2019, our BC Community Asset Mapping Network/ Community of Practice held our fourth gathering in Vancouver.

Our goal was to celebrate, enjoy and inspire each other, to reflect on where we have been over the past year and decide on our priorities and passions moving forward.

The following are notes from our workshop, Appendix 1 is the Agenda and Appendix 2 is a copy of the Power Point presentation.



Personal Assets

Participants in the workshop listed their personal assets:

Learning from each other	Curiosity
Community engagement	Sharing information
Friendliness and curiosity for community	Warmth and comfort
Help people	Sharing information about resources with self-advocates and family members
Connection with everything we do	Inclusive camping
Humour	Innovation
Thirst for justice	Presenting
Great ideas	Childhood interest
Family	Opportunity to build relationships and connections
People	Inclusive housing
Humour	Connects in an inclusive manner
Training and education	Commitment to community
Team player	Changing community
Smile	Good teaching
Love of maps and sharing information	Excitement
Good leader	Love of learning
Community connection	Welcome work
Presenting	Welcome workshops
Cartography	Poetry
Humour	

Reflecting on our Community Practice

Participants were asked to divide in groups and then discuss/answer the following questions:

- 1) What are you most excited about? What difference is being made? How is CAM making an impact on you, your council, or your community?
- 2) What challenges/barriers have you run into? Where do you need more support/guidance? What does that look like?
- 3) Priorities—what should we STOP doing, KEEP doing, START doing?

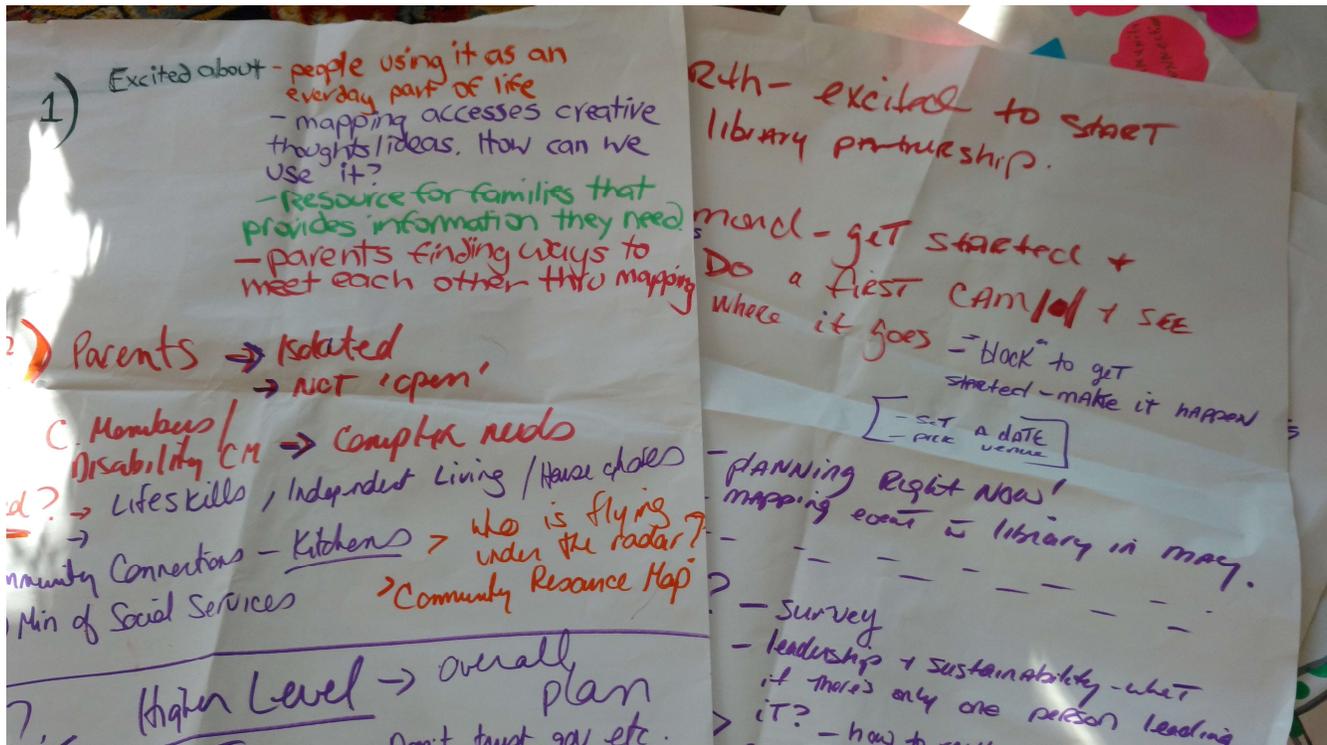
The discussion and answers obtained are summarized in the following two tables.

Group 1	Group 2
What are you most excited about? What difference is being made? How is CAM making an impact on you, your council, or your community?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapping is moving beyond CLB and influencing community far beyond the “disability” field, and THAT is what Community is. • Mapping is leading to us being included and asked to be a part of community events, Committees and development. Socially valued role. • Increased awareness of our voice is being heard. • Finding commonalities and sharing what we love—beyond our “disability.” The “normal people” are figuring it out! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VPL Partnership • ORL Partnership • Spreading CAM across the province—bringing to community council • Excited about people asking questions • Creativity sharing • Excited for facilitating workshops • Excited to see this implemented in “real life” • MLA Michelle Stillwell a great government advocate • Window decals for inclusive and diverse communities
What challenges/barriers have you run into? Where do you need more support/guidance? What does that look like?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More trained facilitators—worried about burning current people out • Time • Sharing strategies—people need ideas on what to try • Branching out—engaging different people and different parts of community; need to reach beyond Community Living • Need to have people come to the table and share their own experiences and voices • Accurate and useful maps • Getting the right people • Keeping control of the ideas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Getting the word out! • Getting more people involved • Continuation of the library pilot—change over in staff and visions, strategic plans, etc. • Overwhelming work to do community development—lose momentum • Clear expectations for community members (hours worked, resources) • Have REAL map for people to get excited

Priorities—What should we STOP doing, KEEP doing, START doing?	
<p>STOP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have typical people run things—include all voices • Assuming that “disability” is the issue—poverty, housing, transportation, etc. <p>KEEP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAM events—getting together • Getting new people involved <p>START</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite people outside Community Living to our CAM events • Coordinate and partner outside group • Educate staff people to look to community 	<p>STOP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on CLBC/diversability Network • Outside of “us” <p>KEEP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “workflow Structure/framework • Sharing stories • Involving the larger community • Meeting provincially <p>START</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website • Direct time frames • Considering long term goals and sustainability

Group 3	Group 4
What are you most excited about? What difference is being made? How is CAM making an impact on you, your council, or your community?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North is excited to start library partnership • Richmond and Tri-cities to get started and do a first CAM workshop (?) and see where it goes—“block” to get started, make it happen. Set a date, pick a venue. • Nanaimo planning right now! Mapping event with library in May. 	<p>Excited about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People using it as an everyday part of life • Mapping/accesses creative thoughts/ideas. How can we use it? • Resource for families that provides information they need • Parents finding ways to meet each other through mapping
What challenges/barriers have you run into? Where do you need more support/guidance? What does that look like?	
<p>What will help?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey • Leadership and sustainability—what if there is only one person leading it? How to really solidify partnership so “it” will live on? Need guidance on these. • How to connect and get buy-in from decision makers? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents isolated, not “open” • Community members/disability community have complex needs • Need: lifeskills, independent living, house chores, community connections (kitchens, Ministry of Social Services), community resource map • Who is flying under the radar?
Priorities—What should we STOP doing, KEEP doing, START doing?	
<p>STOP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talking and go for it! 	<p>STOP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiting for someone else to do this:

<p>KEEP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing in persons • Stories of “what” actually being done—that’s what will encourage and motivate • Inviting new people to hear and get inspired • Nothing about me/us without me/us <p>START</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnering with other parts of community to do “community mapping” together, for example partnering with City Council, Family Support Institute and Libraries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Taking control of conversation ○ Education role ○ Advocacy ○ Social Justice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afraid do to something • Fear • Too fast? Be slow! <p>KEEP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 X a year with support • Trying new things • Learning from each other • Different perspectives—Jim Diers <p>START</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build relationships—with sectors: FIRE, libraries, other agencies, networks • Make information accessible • Loca projects/be accessible and inclusive • Website to self advocates • Parents? Different avenues for participation? • Like minded groups?
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Events, news

Victoria

Jim Diers' event:

Self-advocate
Training and tools—place and space

Laura, February 13th, Library:

Welcoming community
Family (autistic son)
Work BC
Thrive
Literacy
PRIDE group
New immigrants

Mapping
People centering (??)
Places—employment: e.g. Subway and Dairy Queen

Restaurant—employers

2017 Fire and Accessibility Committee *opportunity (?)



Becoming educated
Rebuilding community
Taking back power

People—centred Annual Plan (Michelle and Tim?)

Getting started—use visual maps

CAM Community Development Project

Decals, Library events, connections, surveys

Derek, Callum and Vicky

Will's Story

Lessons

- Connecting Will and others—horses and communities
- Will uses maps to help others
- Will is now a connected community member—not only client of CLBC
- It's the journey that is amazing
- Therapeutic riding (aged out)
- Sylvie reached out to her community

