

Columbia Institute's Centre for Civic Governance presents:

Facing the Challenge:

Strategies for a Green & Inclusive Recovery

A Governance Forum for Local Leaders in Ontario

June 19-20, 2009

Kingbridge Conference Centre,
King City, Ontario

This year's Forum offers exciting panels for School Trustees, providing inspiration and information on the challenges posed by our new economic context and the opportunities for a green and inclusive recovery

Trustees Leading Change

The Future of School Boards

These are dizzying times for school trustees. As the province re-examines the meaning of accountability for school boards while stressing the obligation they have to the Ministry as much as the community, the question of representation is front and centre. As school systems explore their role in recreation, community development, public health and child care, the question of scope and boundaries is inescapable.

Join our panel to look at the role and responsibilities of school boards: how should they be changing and how they should they retain traditions?

Youth Employment in A Green Economy Workshop

A green economy includes opportunities for youth. Hear from pioneering organizations that are engaging at-risk youth in retrofit and revitalization programs that support the development of skills and create employment opportunities while greening their local communities.

Local Food Systems Workshop

Promoting the purchasing of local food is environmentally sound, helps the local economy and provides fresh nutritious food for healthy students. Hear how school boards and other organizations have been leading the way in developing local food procurement programs across the province, and how the programs are catching on all over Ontario.

Shaping the New Economy Panel

As governments invest billions to re-energize our economy, many people have advocated for investments that promote equity and sustainability. In the face of our growing income gap and the threat of global warming, that seems like sound social policy. But more and more, analysts are seeing that a greener, fairer economy may also be better for the bottom line by increasing growth, improving stability and renewing our economy. Three of Canada's leading economists take a look at our economic future, showing how and why a fair, green economy can make a difference, and what role municipalities and school boards can play in shaping that future.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Early Bird Registration: \$195, closes April 17

Regular Registration: \$250, closes May 20

Forum fee includes:

+ 1 night private accommodation

+ all meals: dinner, breakfast & lunch

+ all presentations & workshops

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