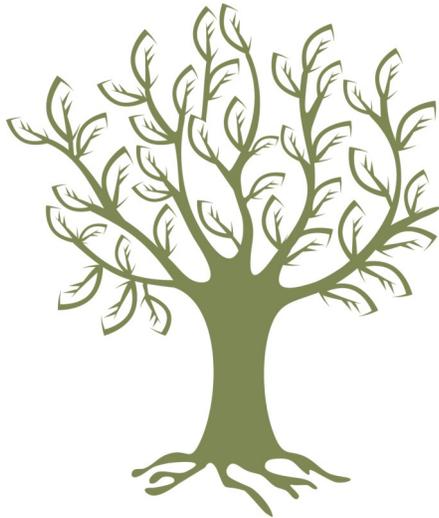In the pursuit of continued growth and prosperity for the North Eastman region, CFWR works to build strength and knowledge within our businesses, entrepreneurs, and social organizations.

It is because of strong leaders, strategic partnerships, and effective people/organizations that our region thrives as the diverse, economically sustainable place we call home.

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Community Development Workshop Series

What is Community Development?

Community Development is the planned evolution of all aspects of community well-being - economic, social, environmental, and cultural. To help build human capacity for community development, Community Futures Winnipeg River (CFWR) offers consulting support and knowledge building services to social and economic groups and businesses within the region.

The following workshops are available to communities or groups in the region at no cost….

Establishing a Nonprofit Organization

Groups in the early stages of development will benefit from information geared to help them establish and organize the group effectively. Setting a solid foundation to build upon is critical for long term sustainability and success.

Effective Boards and Committees

To strengthen governance practices, participants learn to assess current board/committee operations and to identify needed improvements. Information and strategies are discussed under various board governance topics such as decision making, communication, planning and meetings practices.

Change and Transitioning

This session helps people understand the process and impacts of change. Participants discover strategies for how to cope with change and how to transition from an existing situation to a new one.

Leading and Facilitating Teams

This workshop enhances understanding of leadership, group facilitation, and teamwork. Participants learn how to assess strengths and weakness of the group and identify various strategies to enhance personal leadership and group facilitation skills.

Facilitating Common Group Practices

This workshop benefits managers, project leaders, committee chairpersons, and other group facilitators. Participants attain practical process steps, models, templates and other resources for facilitating group processes such as planning, decision making, conflict resolution and partnership building.

Strategic and Annual Planning

Strategic planning is a tool that can benefit any non-profit or for-profit agency. Participants attain information, templates and activities required to conduct strategic and annual planning. Participants learn how to work with groups to create a shared future vision; to determine priorities and goals; and to design a road map showing how to get there.

Proposal Writing 101

Grants can help take a project from just an idea to a successful reality. Through this workshop, participants learn about the key elements associated with planning and funding a project. Participants gain knowledge and confidence to help prepare successful funding proposals.

Community Development

Community development is about strengthening local people and empowering them to apply their skills and knowledge to enhance the community. A community can really thrive when social and economic factors are jointly considered and planned for. This session focuses on the principles and building blocks of community development and how to put them to work to strengthen your community.

Communication & Conflict Resolution

Effective communication is essential for all types of relationships. To be an effective communicator you must understand the two processes of communication – sending and receiving messages. This session focuses on the elements, styles and barriers of communication. Participants discover ways to improve their communications with individuals, groups and the public.