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## **SFU CED Course Comes to Golden** *Course is filling up fast*

(Golden, BC) – It's official! Thanks to Golden Community Resources Society (GCRS) and support from the Golden & District Community Foundation (GDCF), Simon Fraser University's Community Economic Development (CED) certificate course is coming to Golden in early June.

Golden will be hosting the first three courses of SFU's CED certificate in a weeklong intensive summer studies. The three courses will include: *Sustainability of People, Planet and Places*, *Loconomics: Introduction to Local Living Economies* and *Emerging Economic Theories & Practices*.

CED is a community-centered process that blends social and economic development to promote the economic, social, cultural and ecological well being of communities. CED encourages using local resources to create economic opportunities, and at the same time, improve social conditions in a sustainable way. Course instructors will include SFU's newest addition, Michael Shuman, who is an economist, attorney, author, entrepreneur and "one of the world's leading experts on community economics and the advantages of small-scale businesses in an era of globalization."

Connie Barlow, Executive Director of GCRS, is really excited to have to SFU come to Golden. "Our interest in bringing this course to Golden is not to inject a dozen potential economic development officers into our community. Our goal is to educate, empower and inspire the individuals in our community who are involved in work, volunteer projects and/or initiatives that will help build a local living economy."

Over the last few years, a few Golden residents have had to travel to outside of the area multiple times in order to get this information. Ryan Watmough, who completed the course in High River, AB over 8 months (and 8 trips) in 2010-11, believes that this bringing the course to makes it attainable for many more people.

"Between the very generous bursary opportunities provided by the Community Foundation, sponsorship from the Columbia Valley Credit Union, the non profit rates offered by local accommodators and the condensed course format, these factors all add up to improved economic development opportunities for the entire Columbia Basin and its residents," explained Watmough.

Interest has been very high and translated into a high number of registrations. All of the \$1,150 bursaries were awarded within days of the announcement, but locals and those outside of Golden & Area A still have access to some \$1,000 and \$800 bursaries, respectively, until they are all filled.

Anyone interested in learning more about the program is encouraged to review the SFU CED website and those interested in registering should contact Ryan Watmough at [nonprofits.gcrs@gmail.com](mailto:nonprofits.gcrs@gmail.com).

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