The Role of Key Institutions that Successfully Facilitate Revitalization

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Overview

- Rural Research Centres in Canada
- RDI’s approach in rural research and community engagement
- Possible roles for University Institutes
- Discussion
Rural Research Centres in Canada

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http://www.brandonu.ca/rdi/researchcentres.asp
Possible Roles for University Institutes

- Process Observer/Recorder
- Process Facilitator/Advisor
- Researcher/Fact Finder/Data Analysis
- Apply lessons learned
- Linker to alternatives & resources
- Educator/Trainer
- Engaged in problem solving, decision making & action-planning
- Policy/Program design & evaluation

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RDI’s Approach in Rural Research & Community Engagement

**Practice**
Rural research and community development is community-based and people-centred.

**Policy**
Community engagement contributes to informing and influencing policy-makers.

**Research**
*Participatory Action Research* involves participation in the research by the people in communities. It aims to empower participants through their participation in and control of the research agenda, process and findings.
RDI Illustrative Examples

- Leafy Spurge
- Rural and Northern Youth Migration Study
- Rural Immigration Case Study
- Project Planning & Evaluation Workshops
- RDI Website
- NRRN-CRRF Boom Bust National Conference
- International Comparative Rural Policy Studies Program
- Rural Poverty Presentation
- Community Collaboration Project
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The following slides may be used in response to questions & discussion
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International Comparative Rural Policy Studies Program

Reflections on Rural & Northern Poverty: Presentation to the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture & Forestry
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References

Rural Research Centres  www.brandonu.ca/rdi/researchcentres.asp

RDI Projects

Leafy Spurge
  www.brandonu.ca/rdi/iaspp.asp

Rural and Northern Youth Migration Study
  www.brandonu.ca/organizations/rdi/youth_migration.asp

Rural Immigration Case Study
  www.brandonu.ca/organizations/rdi/publications.asp#rural_immigration

Community Collaboration Project
  www.brandonu.ca/rdi/ccp.asp

Health Care Access of Northern Residents
  www.brandonu.ca/rdi/cihr.asp

Temporary Foreign Workers
  www.brandonu.ca/organizations/rdi/tfw.asp

Rural Poverty Presentation
  www.brandonu.ca/rdi/Publications/CCP/RuralPovertyFinal.pdf

NRRN-CRRF Boom Bust National Conference
  www.brandonu.ca/rdi/crrf2008english.asp

International Comparative Rural Policy Studies Program
  www.icrps.com
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