Rural Works: A Rural Policy Think Tank Event

Celebrating Partnership Dimensions of Rural Development

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In Manitoba today, write one characteristic of rural development.
Celebrating Partnerships

Review achievements at RDI resulting from partnerships to identify characteristics of rural development

INSIGHT | FORESIGHT | INNOVATE | ACTION
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INSIGHT

- 1987 Brandon University decides
- 1989 Official opening
- Conference

Seeing a need or opportunity and rallying ideas, interests, & resources
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fostering and supporting

Rural Development

• Involve others & their agendas
• Leaders & mission
• Institutional structure
• Funding
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FORESIGHT

• Learning is essential
• Be informed from everywhere
• Rural, a specialization
• Research informs policy

Change what we know to change what we do
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Rural Development

• Long view & short term
• Draw from experiences
• Connect globally
• More than extension
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INNOVATE

• Networks
• Knowledge mobilization
• Public policy speakers
• New models & ideas

Consider ‘rural by design’ as a future rather than it being more accidental
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Rural Development

• Partnership enhance innovation
• Gain different views
• Take moderate risks
• Bringing forward new ideas from research, practice, policy
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ACTIONS

• Share ideas, practices & policies
• Multi-agency, horizontal
• Policy as change
• Sectoral & placed-based

*Bring the world to Manitoba & Manitoba to the world*
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Rural Development

• Create & distribute ideas & practices
• Pilot demonstration projects
• Welcome opposition
Summary

Rural development is...?
fostering and supporting

Rural development …

• Leadership & commitment
• Funding & projects
• Research & learning
• Long view & short term
• Multi-stakeholders
• Top down & bottom up
• Attitude of the possible
• Policy as change
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Thank You