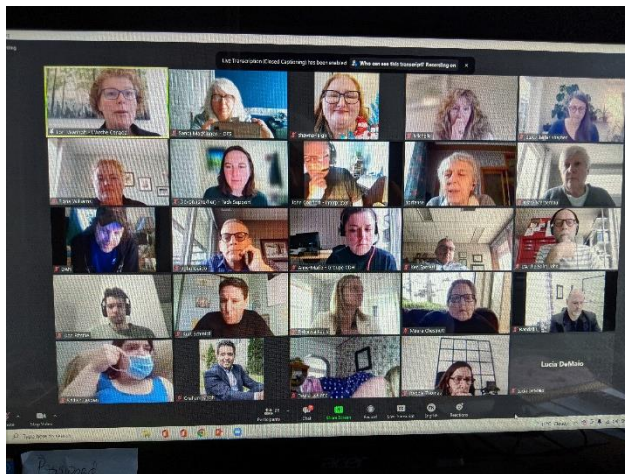# GFSI ED Report April 2022

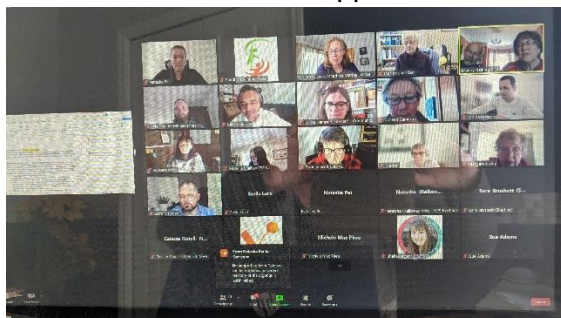**Funding:**
- We have received the letter of offer from the Regional Development Commission for the Building a Community Framework for Digital & Social Innovation. (Proposal attached to email) Value 327K
- SEED funding approved – we were on a waiting list (Interviewing)
- Canada Summer Jobs (Interviewing)
- Experience UNB (Sheehan Flatt will start work on May 16 until Aug 26). His studies include multi-media so a portion of his time will be to populate NBVoices.

L'Arche Canada - Presented our housing lab prototype to L'Arche Canada team. It was well received. Our plan is to rehire Kate Walsh to complete the project. She will also assume Yu Ren's duties. Yu has secured a full time job with SNB that will start on June 13th. Our plan is to work with City and L'Arche Fredericton to take over the final deliverable/solution.

Coalition Canada for Basic Income – We have joined the Canadian coalition. GFSI is working to create the NB coalition. We would like to see a board member take the lead on the NB team with the administration support from GFSI ED.

Fredericton Affordable Housing Committee

The draft Affordable Housing Strategy has been approved by the committee and has gone out to the public for feedback. You can provide feedback and view the plan here: https://engagefredericton.ca/affordable-housing-survey

UPDATES FROM OUR TEAM

Hayley:

The NPO Data Collaboration team has been continuing to work on the Sustainable Cities and Communities section of the Community Prosperity Hub. The team has been sourcing open data on the housing situation in Fredericton from Stats Canada, the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation, and local organizations in the field. Before we upload data sets to the Hub, we review and edit the spreadsheets so that they can be easier understood by our non-profit partners. Many of these data sets are now in the process of being analyzed and visualized by our resident data expert, Yu Ren. Yu will be creating some visualizations that better display this important data on the hub.

In April, the team sent out a survey to our project partners to gather information around their service provision and the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. We have received some useful information from this survey, but are still waiting on responses from some of our partners. We will continue to share the survey in the coming month.

One of our project partners, Slow Roll, has recently won an entrepreneurial competition and is in the process of expanding their service provision. The group has some big ideas about what is next and questions about how to record their growth. We have scheduled a *Logic Model* and *Theory of Change* workshop with the entire team that will help them conceptualize their work and give them a better understanding of which activities can be measured and turned into presentable outcomes.

Sandi has set up an exciting opportunity for the NPO team to present our work to a national audience. In collaboration with Code for Canada and the Canadian Centre for Nonprofit Digital Resilience, we will be hosting a webinar at the beginning of June. We will be preparing for this event in the coming weeks.

Yu:

Continues to support Sandi's administrative efforts

This includes tracking budgets and submitting invoices; working with Civic Tech members to set goals and ensure that their project results are achieved.

Manages the Civic Tech ACOA-GNB working NB project

Two members graduated from the program on April 8, one will graduate on May 6, and the other got a 10-week extension. I did the onboarding for the two new ones that joined our team.

Survey for Stepping Stone Senior Center

Sandi and I created a survey for the Stepping Stone Senior Center to get feedback from their members on their comfort level with accessing the online programs, etc. The survey was sent to over 500 members on April 8. We will analyze the survey results and visualize the results for the stepping stone senior center.

Joined NPO Data Collaboration team

I joined the NPO Data Collaboration team. I did research on sustainable community indicators, affordable housing indicators, and poverty indicators. I used the existing data to create some visualizations.

Shanthi:
In the Meal Planner project, I implemented the following stories:
- Created a mutation using Relay to add meal plan entries for meal plan.
- Implemented the Delete Icon Button and the functionality of deleting a meal plan entry directly from the database
- Modified the Delete button to appear onMouseOver and onMouseLeave events
- Fixed the bug where all the delete buttons were appearing together. Now, onMouseOver only the concerned delete button appears.
- Changed the background colour and text colour for the Search Meals section, search meal box and icon, search results and the meal buttons.
- In Meal selection section of the meal plan calendar, changed the text-transform to capitalize, set the minimum width of x button to show smaller width, and set the flex-direction to column for multiline support in each meal button.
- Implemented display of the meal plan name for the meal plan name retrieving from the database.
- Implemented display of assigned user for the meal plan retrieving from the database.
- Designed and implemented a collapse and expand view for the display of description of tags of a meal plan.
- Implemented edit of Meal plan name, assigned user for hardcoded local values.
- Created a graphql mutation using Relay to update a Meal Plan.
- Created a graphql query for querying user names list from the database instead of hardcoded local values
- Implemented editing the description of the meal plan and saving directly to the database
- Implemented creating and deletion of tags for a meal plan

Pavithra:
I started to work for CivicTech on April 18, 2022. It is been an amazing journey meeting new people at Civic Tech and knowing the technology.

I have learned core concepts of JavaScript programming like arrays, conditions, loops, string methods, inheritance, polymorphism, etc.

Also learned core concepts of TypeScript programming like types, functions, advanced object types, etc.
I will be soon working on GFSI's Meal Planner project as a Software Developer.

Ekaterina:

I'm Ekaterina Pavlova, UX designer and Content creator at GFSI. During April, I worked on the UX design for the Meal Planning tool for the Fredericton food bank. The team is in the final stages of working on the desktop app and is ready to move to the app's mobile version. As a part of the program, I created my professional resume and portfolio and researched the current job market for my skills. Also, I designed an infographic for the 12 neighbours community.

Bukola:

I joined the Civic Tech team on April 25, 2022, so it is my first two weeks! It has been exciting meeting the great team, some virtually and in-person.

I immediately joined the team working on the project; "Building a CommunityFramework for Digital and Social Innovation". The team is made up of these great people; Sandi MacKinnon, Julie Maitland, Yu Ren and myself. The project aims to explore how a Civic Tech and Social Innovation Framework could support the implementation of New Brunswick Municipalities/ Communities' strategic plans. We are in the first/initiation phase, where we will work with three communities over the next couple of months. Starting with Bathurst, we are currently gathering secondary research and intelligence which will help us to review, identify and ultimately develop a plan to explore how a Civic Tech implementation could support these community requirements.

I am also working with Yu Ren to research onboarding documents/templates for employees and Board members of GFSI.

Other news:
- We have replaced our broken smartboard with a smart TV
- Final report for the New Horizons Grant (VoixNB.com) was submitted