

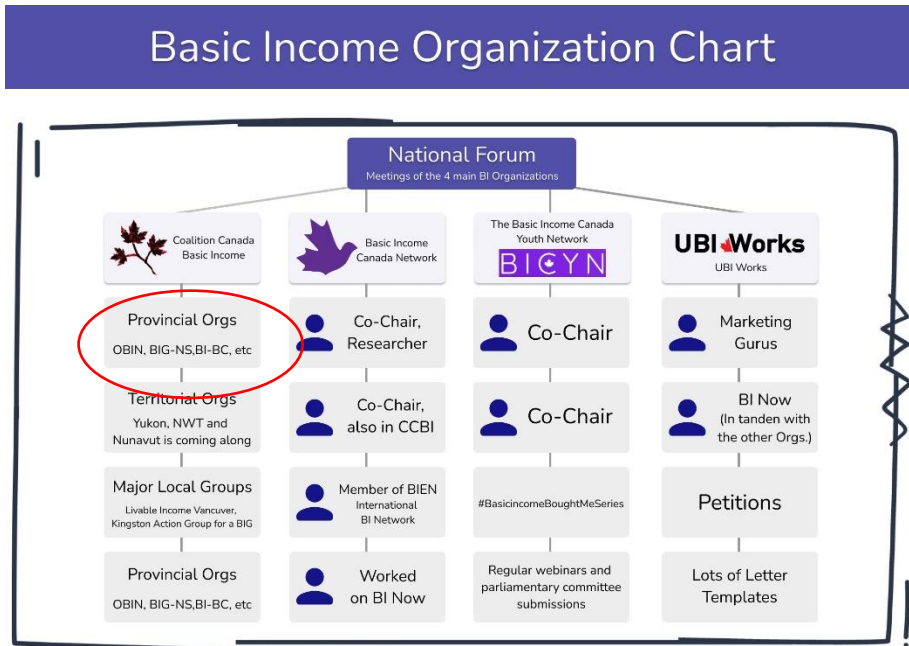
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Updates from our team:

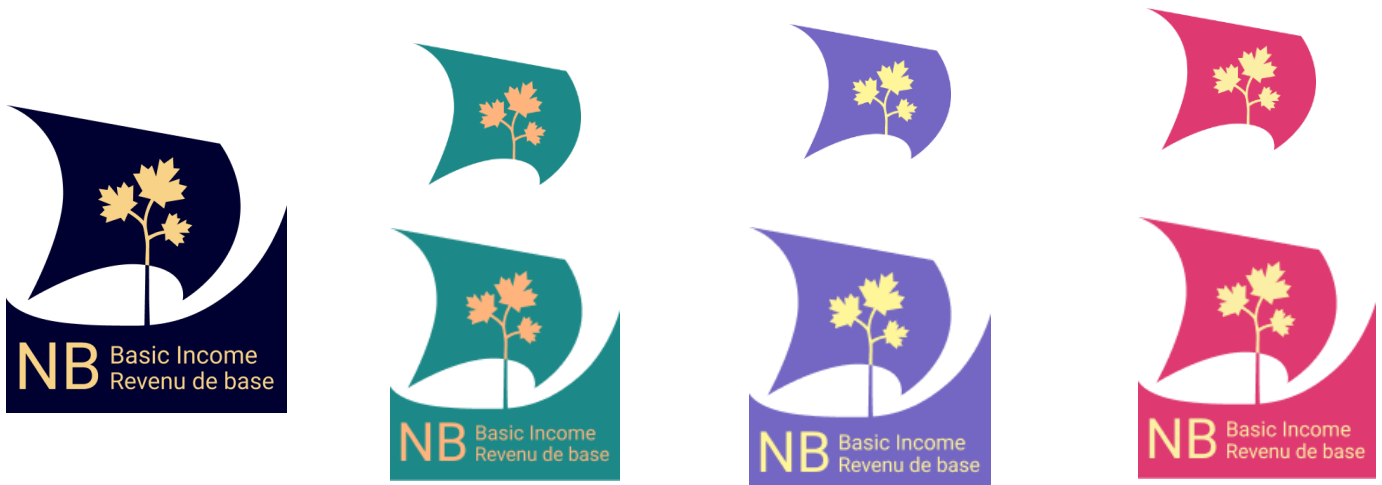
Yu Ren - (ACOA) I support Sandi's administrative efforts; manage the Civic Tech ACOA-GNB's Working NB programs, including tracking budgets and submitting invoices; and work with Civic Tech members to set goals and ensure the outcomes of their projects are achieved.

Cassandra Swift, Emilee Thibodeau, Mandy Arsenault - STU Social Work Team - Basic Income Project Summary

Our project tasks thus far have included conducting an environmental scan and mapping of the country's provincial coalitions for basic income. This involved creating a profile for each individual provincial coalition and outlining their messaging, architecture and content of each website. We have participated in meetings with people knowledgeable in basic income such as Susanne White, and Wil Robertson. We have started developing plans for the New Brunswick Basic income coalition website and have developed the branding for the coalition, courtesy of Ekaterina.



The red circle is where we fit in the national scope.



Ekaterina Pavlova, (Working NB) Designer at GFSI. I've been working on the design for the Meal Planner web application and social media kit for the Fredericton Area Non-profit Breakfast club. Also, I develop branding for the Basic Income NB project. All the projects I worked with will benefit the Atlantic community in many ways, building a bright and prosperous future for New Brunswick.

Kate Walsh (Working NB)- In my first three weeks at GFSI, I have had the opportunity to participate in various projects, including the L'Arche Housing Lab Prototype, the Breakfast Club rebranding, the Basic Income Coalition, and the Community Prosperity Hub.

A large portion of my efforts went into the L'Arche Housing Lab Project with Sandi and Ken Forest from the City. Upon attending a prototype workshop facilitated by L'Arche Canada I was taught how to develop a prototype that will be tested on developers to advance L'Arche's Inclusive Housing Lab. The prototype had to be a visual representation of our solution to creating accessible housing options for those with disabilities.

Based on feedback we had previously received from developers, we learned that Building Codes ensure that accessible units are being built, however, they are not being housed by the individuals that they were designed for. Our solution was to connect developers to non-profits who can link them to individuals in need of accessible housing.

My contributions towards this project involved researching, making a storyboard, and creating a VideoScribe video. The video has been finalized and is ready to be distributed to developers for feedback. You can view the v1 of the prototype here: <https://youtu.be/PT9Zw8rGPTU>

Hayley Aucoin (NBCC Data Collab)- In the New Year, we have decided to refocus the NPO Data Collaboration project on the Community Prosperity Hub. We are starting to fill out hubs for the other sustainable development goals. We believe that it will be most beneficial to start with the Sustainable Cities and Communities goal as this goal encompasses safe and affordable housing. We have numerous partners working in housing and we know this issue is incredibly relevant in our community. We are in the process of seeking data sets for this hub. We plan to use open data sources as well as annual reports and data from our partners.

The project team has created a survey that will be distributed to our partners. It is currently in the process of getting ethics approval. The survey asks our partners to select which of the Sustainable Development Goals and their related indicators are relevant to their organization's service provision. The results from this survey will help us prioritize the population of data.

In the past month, we have also been continuing to help our partner, Family Enrichment, find a new data collection software. We have had a few meetings with a potential software company and are continuing our discussion with Family Enrichment outside of these meetings to ensure their needs are being met.

Ahmed Shaltout (Working NB) – The noble purpose of Meal Planner is to encourage Greener Village clients to eat more healthily for less money. It's primarily about education and facilitation. We are building the Release 1 prototype. Release 1 of the tool is for proving basic functionality and reviewing with Greener Village. It needs to perform basic client user functions.

Shanthi Shanmugam (Working NB) – I am a developer/programmer and am working on the features for the meal planner.

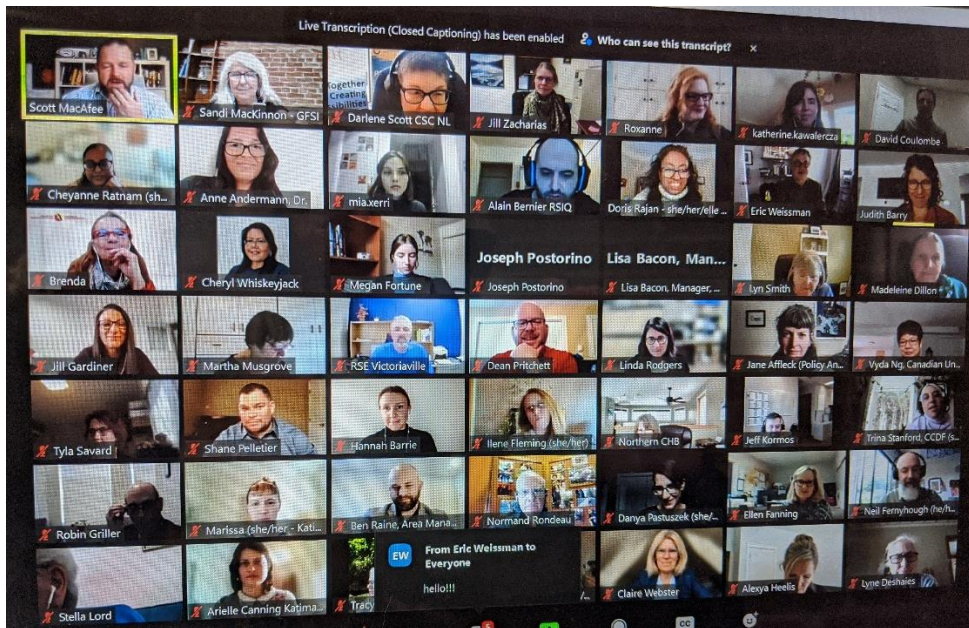
Anna Chandra, Mariel Horncastle, Sheehan Flatt - Renaissance College

In collaboration with Civic Tech Fredericton and Yu Ren, we competed in the UNB Data Visualization Competition in which we presented a shocking data set from the 2019 NB Wellness Survey. We created a video of local children reading the shocking statistics on the effects of bullying and exclusion on youth mental health in NB. The video and accompanying presentation presented data in an emotional and engaging format which captured the audience. #DoBetter4me was the hashtag in the social media awareness campaign. You can view the video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e98O4Oo6Gko>

Resource List: - The primary project that we are working on is to search for available resources for safe and healthy aging in place for older adults in the GFA, and across Canada. We also expanded and researched multiple countries from the rest of the world to examine the best practices and innovative practices for aging in place not implemented in Canada. This project is impactful as it will assist L'Association des aînés francophones de la Capitale in providing older adults with the services that they need for safe and healthy aging at home. Through creating an extensive list of aging at home resources in the Greater Fredericton Area, across Canada, global best practices, and hot-lines, we are actively contributing to the collective life of our province.

Caring Calendar: We have also begun the reimplementation of the Caring Calendar. The Caring Calendar provides faith-based organizations with the opportunity to coordinate their outreach services in order to avoid duplication, refer people to their available services and also to identify gaps. Due to COVID, many services have halted, however, as public health measures reduce, we are working to reengage the organizations to use the calendar once again.

In December, the National Advisory Council on Poverty released their 2021 report, *Understanding Systems*. They are kicking off their 2022 engagement sessions, and GFSI was invited to join the conversation by Scott MacAfee. I moderated a breakout session titled: **For communities, by communities: Grassroots responses to poverty** – There were 200 people on the zoom call. 4 x this page!



Other info/meetings:

- **Building a community framework for digital and social innovation** – ACOA & RDC project has been approved. \$327,400
- Met with Councillor Margo Sheppard about climate change and poverty. I invited Yu Ren also to this meeting as she has a masters in Environmental Management. Margot is interested in organizing an event once permitted.
- 2022 SEED application has been submitted.
- Remsoft has donated \$2000 to Civic Tech
- Finances: We have begun to migrate our bookkeeping to www.pluggedincpa.com. We will continue to use TSD for our financial statement for this fiscal year but will request to engage Plugged In CPA for 2022-2023 year end financials as presented to our stewardship board at our AGM in September.
- Kindness week is next week. Fredericton Community Foundation attended this week with a film crew to create a video promoting volunteering and kindness.

- SWAG – Monthly
- Civic Tech weekly
- Fredericton Affordable Housing Committee – Monthly
- Community Food Smart – Monthly