# WELLBEING AT UBC 'CONVERSATIONS IN WELLBEING' ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY — PART 2 2015-2016

# In the 2015/2016 year of engagement, 'Conversations in Wellbeing' seeks community input on the following questions:

- 1. What does wellbeing mean to you?
- 2. How can the university build healthier and happier communities?
- 3. What should UBC's priorities be for wellbeing?
- 4. How do you want to be involved?



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#### PREAMBLE: REFLECTIONS FROM THE AUTHORS

This document expands on the initial 'Conversations in wellbeing' Engagement Strategy, which can be found on the UBC Sustainability Scholars Project Library (sustain.ubc.ca/ubc-sustainability-scholars-project-library). The first document served as an engagement piece to frame the conversation and to get input from those already working to promote wellbeing on UBC campuses. The changes in this document reflect the feedback on the initial document. 'Conversations in wellbeing' Engagement Strategy- Part 2, continues to be a grad student-led effort, worked on collaboratively by several Sustainability Scholars; Stephanie Aitken (Vancouver Campus) and Pariya Darvishzadeh (Okanagan Campus).

**Stephanie Aitken:** My desire to promote wellbeing comes from both academic pursuits as well as personal experience. In my current studies of Landscape Architecture I focus on the interface between social and environmental wellbeing. After having to postpone my studies for a year due to illness I felt the need to prioritize my own wellbeing and to empower those around me to do the same. I proposed that a new position be created on the student executive to help promote student wellbeing within the Landscape Architecture department. I held this position during the 2014/2015 academic year. In February 2015, I was given the opportunity to work with the UBC Wellbeing Initiative to help develop this engagement strategy for 'Conversations in Wellbeing'. This has greatly inspired my thinking on the subject. To me wellbeing is subjective to each of us, it is something that needs to be cultivated and experienced in our everyday lives. However, we need to ensure that the necessary conditions exist in order for us to be able to cultivate our individual wellbeing and contribute to a collective wellbeing. It is my hope that the UBC Wellbeing Initiative will create these conditions by opening space for meaningful dialogue and participation, ensuring that 'Wellbeing' on both UBC campuses is a lived experience.

**Pariya Darvishzadeh:** The Wellbeing Initiative provides an opportunity to explore how the University of British Columbia can become and sustain its future as a leading community engaged university. Engaging the campus as a "living lab" facilitates a process where we can explore how to strategically and systematically create a campus environment that fosters wellbeing. As a member of campus community, I have been fortunate to have this opportunity to share my experience, to work on a research project on healthy campus development, and work with a group on a community-based participatory action research raising awareness about health and improving wellness on the Okanagan Campus.

### **Document Summary**

**WHAT:** The 'Conversations in Wellbeing' Engagement Strategy is a grad student-led effort (developed by several Sustainability Scholars) intended to facilitate community engagement through a coordinated and collaborative approach with those already working to promote wellbeing on UBC campuses.

#### Engagement Strategy Principles & Objectives

PRINCIPLES	OBJECTIVES
<ol> <li>Inspire a 'Wellbeing' Movement from the Beginning/Inside-Out</li> <li>Engage People in Surprising ways</li> <li>Facilitate Innovation Through Collaboration</li> <li>Towards a 'Living Strategy': Enable a Learning Orientation</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>Increase awareness</li> <li>Celebrate success</li> <li>Inspire interest</li> <li>Share information</li> <li>Build networks</li> <li>Build capacity</li> <li>Align communications</li> <li>Encourage 2-way dialogue</li> <li>Data collection</li> <li>Collaboration</li> </ul>

#### WHERE: Vancouver and Okanagan Campuses

**WHO:** This strategy involves both campuses, taking a university wide approach to engage students, staff, faculty, campus residents, alumni, First Nations, and external community partners.

### WHY:

- To facilitate a process in which the community can contribute to the development of a campuses wide wellbeing conversation and engagement.
- To coordinate efforts across units, helping to reduce redundancies and to engage more effectively.

WHEN: 'Conversations in Wellbeing' Engagement Strategy 2015-2016 Timeline

FEBRUARY - MAY: Early engagement and preparation of 'Conversations in Wellbeing' Engagement Strategy	<b>JUNE/AUGUST:</b> Collect feedback and collaborate with partners to plan upcoming engagement	SEPT 2015 - AUG 2016 Implementation of the engagement strategy

**HOW:** By working with partners across campus to link into existing events and programs, the strategy proposes to better understand community perceptions and priorities around wellbeing, by broadly asking 4 following questions:

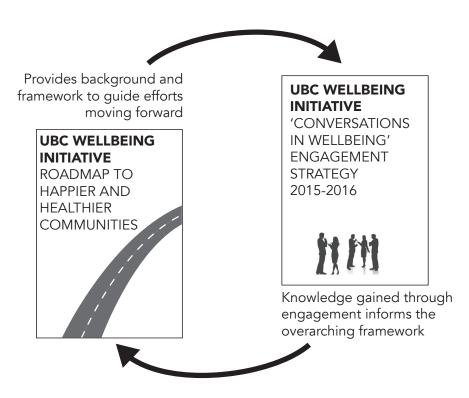
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- 2. How can we build healthier and happier campus communities?
- 3. What should our wellbeing priorities be at UBC?
- 4. How would you like to be involved?

### About the Wellbeing at UBC Initiative

The Wellbeing at UBC Initiative<sup>1</sup> has been formed with the purpose of facilitating an internal cultural shift where wellbeing is valued as a deeply held commitment and a lens for decision-making and daily activities. The Initiative is a university-wide effort to engage with our Vancouver and Okanagan campus communities to explore the question:

How can UBC campus communities better promote the health, wellbeing, and sustainability of our people and environments?

To answer this question two documents are in progress. The 'Conversations in Wellbeing' Engagement Strategy is intended for those already working to promote wellbeing on campus. It sets the groundwork for the 2015/2016 year of engagement. The Wellbeing at UBC Roadmap to Happier and Healthier Communities provides background and process as a starting point for working towards a community-defined University wide wellbeing strategy. (See appendix 1 for Wellbeing at UBC overview).



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Note: The 'UBC Wellbeing Initiative' was renamed to 'Wellbeing at UBC' in August, 2015 to reflect the notion that wellbeing belongs to everyone at UBC and is supported, not led, by a central initiative.

### 'Conversations in Wellbeing' Background

'Conversations in Wellbeing' emerges from the need to involve and consult with campus community to define and build a collaborative approach to wellbeing engagement. In order to develop a 'Road Map to Wellbeing' that enables the community to define their priorities, there will first need to be many preliminary and ongoing conversations around wellbeing. By encouraging open dialogue and active participation, we aspire to better understand what 'wellbeing' means to UBC campus and community on both an

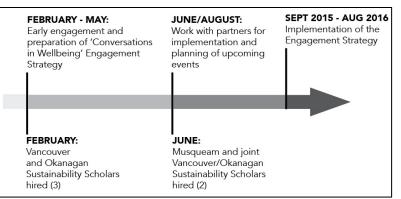


Figure 1. 'Conversations in Wellbeing' Background Timeline: Sept. 2015-Aug. 2016

individual and collective level, as well as what conditions are necessary to foster a sense of wellbeing.

In February 2015, Wellbeing at UBC hired three Sustainability Scholars to develop an engagement strategy for 'Conversations in Wellbeing', with one focusing on student engagement, one focusing on staff and faculty, and the third with an Okanagan campus focus. From the beginning, we have been looking at what has been done in the past, what is being done right now, and continually engaging with those working in wellbeing on campus and elsewhere to help us create this document. Early engagement at UBC Vancouver has included hosting and attending numerous events and meetings—for example, we have hosted several 'Wellbeing Tune-Ins' for both staff and graduate students. These events stimulated conversation on wellbeing issues across units and faculties as well as helped to inform this document. (See Appendix 2 for full list of early engagement at UBC Vancouver).

Key takeaways from early engagement efforts at UBC Vancouver include:

- Musqueam First Nation appreciates being involved early on;
- There is a strong need for a cohesive network and improved/coordinated communications;
- Wellbeing at UBC needs to avoid creating/appearing as "one more thing to do";
- Units and faculties want to collaborate on wellbeing;
- There is lots of student interest & enthusiasm to get involved;
- Specific groups need tailored approaches, such as faculty and graduate students;
- Wellbeing-related research and researchers need to be linked to wellbeing initiatives on campus (i.e. student and staff mental health and wellbeing; food & nutrition); and
- UBC's neighborhood residents should be involved in engagement efforts (i.e. through UNA).

(See Appendix 3 for further takeaways)

UBC Okanagan has a strong record in engagement around wellbeing process starting with having the VOICE study underway since 2006. Action groups have been developed to work on these identified areas of priority:

- Alcohol & Drug Use
- Water
- Buses, Bicycles, Parking
- Environment & Trails
- Food
- Mental Health/Atmosphere

(See Appendix 4 for further takeaways)

- Physical Activity
- Recycling, Compost, Garbage
- Sexual Health
- Smoking
- Unique/Study Spaces

### Informing Our Proposed Engagement Process

The following section lists several relevant and recent examples of engagement strategies on the UBC campus and beyond. By acknowledging these strategies we aim to avoid re-inventing the wheel, rather to align with and learn from their work. Summaries and key takeaways are listed in appendix 4.

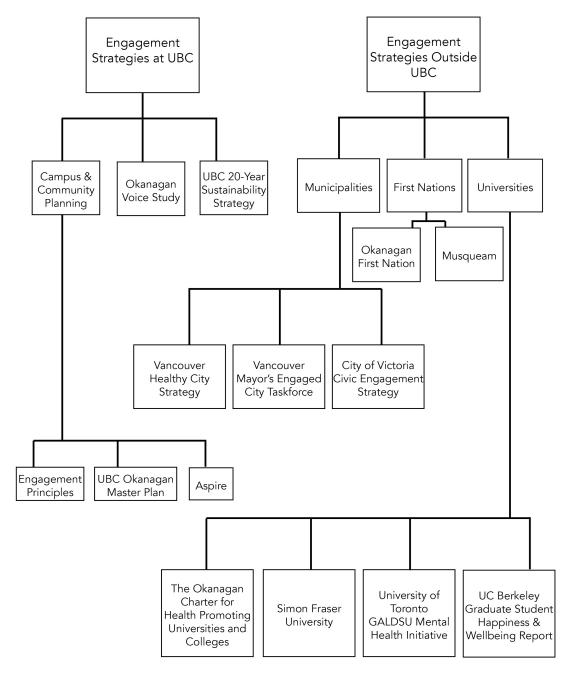


Figure 2. Engagement strategies informing the process

### Celebrating UBC's Current Efforts

Implementation will depend heavily on partnerships with those already working with wellbeing on campus. As such, it is important to acknowledge and celebrate the work being done in order to align with current initiatives and take a positive and participatory approach. The following section identifies and recognizes positive efforts (that which we wish to see more of) and celebrates wellbeing-related initiatives, programs, activities that have already started the conversations on UBC-Vancouver Campus. Listed below are several examples that have inspired our strategy; though it is by no means is an exhaustive list.

### Musqueam First Nation

UBC-Vancouver sits on unceded, traditional Musqueam territory. As a new neighbour, and to take a tangible step toward relationship-building, UBC has a responsibility to invite Musqueam to UBC's ongoing conversation on wellbeing. Currently, the first step is hiring a Sustainability Scholar in Summer 2015 to work specifically on this aspect of the engagement strategy.

### Mental Health

We believe UBC is the first university in North America to have adopted a Framework on Student Mental Health and Wellbeing, which requires that all decisions are examined through a student mental health and wellbeing lens. Beyond this, there are a number of units supporting positive mental health on UBC Vancouver campus. For example, Student Services & Development supports student mental health through the Wellness Centre, the Student Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy, and have also recently developed a guide for helping students in distress. The AMS also offers programs such as Speakeasy, and various clubs such as the Mental Health Awareness Club. On the staff and faculty side there are a number of programs and initiatives in place that support mental health literacy and training. Examples include the Mindfulness@work program, UBC Mental Health Resource Sheets, Responding with Respect mental health training, Self-care for the Caretaker workshops, a suite of mental health trainings in partnership with the Canadian Mental Health Association including Mental Health First Aid, and a mindfulness facilitator community of practice. They also have an actively promoted the Employee and Family Assistance Program that not only offers confidential counseling but a suite of lifestyle prevention programs for employees and their families. Other initiatives, such as Thrive, support the broader UBC-Vancouver community, offering event and opportunities for awareness for staff, students, and faculty.

### Physical Activity

UBC offers a variety of physical activity programming in numerous indoor and outdoor spaces, organized by clubs, groups, formalized recreational service providers, and workplaces. For staff and faculty, examples of physical activity programs include the Faculty of Education "Walkabout" program, Staff and Faculty Sports Day, Moving Minds and an annual health challenge, many of which were born out of the Healthy Workplace Initiatives Program start-up funding. For students, examples include Day of Longboat, UBC Rec 'Free Classes Week' and numerous clubs and organizations. UBC-O also offers a circuit of outdoor activity trails on campus. In January 2015, a campus-wide Physical Activity Working Group was formed with the primary objective of increasing physical activity participation and fitness levels for all members of the UBC Vancouver and Okanagan communities.

### Human Resources Health Promotion

UBC has served as a leader among post-secondary schools in Canada by having a dedicated health promotions team within Human Resources' Health, Wellbeing & Benefits unit for a number of years. They run programs and initiatives targeting staff and faculty wellbeing as well as the promotion of healthy work environments. Some examples include the Travelling Health fair, a mobile health-screening clinic, and the Healthy Workplace Initiatives Program supports grassroots healthy activities in the workplace. The team also crafts and distributes the Healthy UBC newsletter each month to close to 3000 staff and faculty. They also have a wide network of health contacts who act as department liaisons and assist with promotion, particularly at the off campus worksites. One feature of note in the newsletter is the 'Thriving Faculty' column, which showcases and celebrates faculty engaged in wellbeing issues on campus. They promote a holistic model of wellbeing through collaborations that draw connections between wellbeing and career, family, key life events and individual behaviors. \*This is mostly Vancouver HR specific information, although some of the programs exist across both campuses.

### **Community Development**

A joint effort between Campus + Community planning and the University Neighborhood Association, UTown@UBC grants offer staff, students, faculty, and other campus residents up to \$1000 for projects that foster a sense of community and place. Since 2011, the grant was exclusively for residents living on campus, with additional funds from the Wellbeing Initiative in 2015, UTown@UBC grants were able to also accept project proposed by students who live off campus. This offers the campus community a way to proactively participate in improving the quality of life on campus.

### Teaching, Learning & Research

Social Ecological Economic Development Studies (SEEDS) brings together student enthusiasm with staff and faculty expertise to develop projects for implementation or to inform future decision making. The projects cover a diverse range of topics ranging from energy and climate to community and place making. SEEDS connects teaching, learning and research, in ways that benefit the larger community. In addition, the SEEDS Bank offers a way to publicly share projects online.

Another example is the new 'Wellbeing in the Classroom' pilot project being run by Student Services in partnership with faculty, which seeks to embed wellbeing practices in classroom environments.

### International Conference on Health Promoting Universities and Colleges

The 2015 International Conference on Health Promoting Universities and Colleges, taking place on June 22-25, is being held on the UBC Okanagan campus. One of the conference's major objectives is to renew an international charter on health promoting universities and colleges, and UBC's President, Arvind Gupta, will be among the first to sign the new Okanagan Charter on June 25.

Wellbeing at UBC is sending six students from the UBC Vancouver to the conference. Two are Sustainability Scholars who will continue to work on the implementation of the 'Conversation in Wellbeing' Engagement Strategy, and the other four students were awarded sponsorship based on demonstrated leadership in wellbeing. The conference will likely prove to be an important influence for understanding and implementing wellbeing at UBC.

### Principles & Objectives for Fall 2015 Engagement

We believe wellbeing at UBC is not something that can be prescribed, it is needs to be cultivated and felt/experienced in everyday campus life—and we hope "Conversations in Wellbeing" can be the spark to help inspire a movement, rather than appear as a packaged product. Given the holistic nature of wellbeing, we suggest the following four principles to help frame "Conversations in Wellbeing", to ensure Wellbeing at UBC is "walking the talk":

### Principles

• Inspire a 'Wellbeing' Movement From the Beginning/Inside-Out

There is an important link between engagement and wellbeing, as recently pointed out by John Helliwell, UBC Professor Emeritus, Economics, in the Mayor of Vancouver's Engaged City Task Force Report:

"Happiness grows from community connections and engagement--the work we do together. [...] Raising incomes can raise happiness, especially in poor countries, but fostering co-operation and community can do even more, especially in rich societies." (Vancouver Mayor's Engaged City Task Force, 2014)

The same report also quotes author Charles Montgomery, from an interview with The Guardian about his book "The Happy City":

"The more connected we are to family and community the less likely we are to experience heart attacks, strokes, cancer and depression. Connected people sleep better at night. They live longer. They consistently report being happier." (Vancouver Mayor's Engaged City Task Force, 2014)

Because of this, we believe it is important for the engagement methods used to contribute positively towards wellbeing on campus. This involves moving up the IAP2 spectrum of public participation (Figure 2) to foster deeper connections and trust, making people active participants in the engagement process. We believe that wellbeing is not something that can be applied, rather it needs to be cultivated and experienced in everyday campus life.

We also want to shift the way we think & approach problem solving—instead of using a "deficit model" which looks at what is wrong (i.e. a western medical model), we hope to learn from and amplify the positive using storytelling and collecting methods borrowed from Appreciative Inquiry.

### • Engage People in Surprising Ways

It is a challenge to engage with staff, faculty and students on UBC's campuses—people already have a lot on their plates. However, engaging people in surprising ways may help shift the perception that participation is "one more thing to do" and towards the idea that engagement can be fun, productive and meaningful. As Steve Bearman stated, "everyone everywhere wants deeper connections, more meaningful interactions, less seriousness and more play" (Bearman & Dayton, 2012). We propose infusing engagement methods with this spirited approach by thinking outside the box as much as possible and seeking to engage and empower campus community members.

### • Facilitate Innovation Through Collaboration

Many staff, faculty and students are already actively involved in supporting wellbeing on UBC's campuses meaning all engagement efforts need to involve the already-active champions, to ensure efforts are aligned and not duplicated. Experimenting with collaboration across units, while challenging, can help support a culture of wellbeing on campus by breaking down silos and facilitating the development of innovative solutions.

We also support the concept of leading "from behind" (O'Donovan & Flower, 2013), and rather than cultivate passive followers, we believe engagement methods should be capacity-building and encourage collaboration to support innovation, enabling people to come up with their own ideas for implementing wellbeing on campus.

• Towards a 'Living Strategy': Enable a Learning Orientation

We also propose making Wellbeing at UBC's engagement strategy a 'Living Strategy' to embody the need for flexibility and adaptation over time. The idea of enabling and being intentional about a 'learning orientation' is critical, especially in a collaborative environment. Instead of "making a plan and sticking to it," we suggest "setting a direction and testing to it" (O'Donovan & Flower, 2013). We envision each year that a new engagement strategy will be created based on reflection and feedback from the previous year. We suggest using developmental evaluation methods that support the experimentation and learning process, will allow for tracking these changes over time (see Appendix 4 for an overview of developmental evaluation).

### Objectives

Table 1 captures what 'Conversations in Wellbeing' intends to achieve, linking our principles with a series of explicit objectives for the proposed engagement methods.

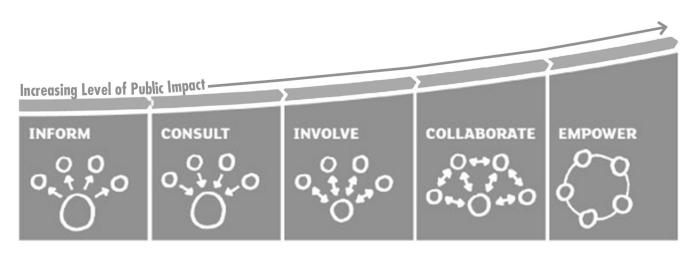
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3. Facilitate Innovation Through Collaboration	<ul><li>Build capacity</li><li>Align communications</li></ul>
4. Towards a 'Living Strategy': Enable a Learning Orientation	<ul><li>Encourage 2-way dialogue</li><li>Data collection</li><li>Collaboration</li></ul>

Figure 3. 'Engagement Strategy Goals & Objectives Table

### **Engagement Plan & Strategies**

The Wellbeing at UBC engagement strategy seeks to enable the community to participate meaningful ways in order to define wellbeing priorities and to shape the *Wellbeing at UBC Roadmap to happier and healthier Communities*, while contributing to the collective wellbeing of the campus. We have adapted the IAP2 spectrum of public participation (Figure 3) as tool for evaluating our proposed engagement methods. The spectrum highlights the different levels of engagement ranging from informing to empowering. At one end of the continuum engagement strategies are geared simply towards getting the word out, with little opportunity for feedback. At the opposite end of the continuum it is about giving decision-making power to the community. Since 'Conversations in Wellbeing' is about creating a two-way dialogue, it is important to push the dial towards empowering where possible, ensuring that UBC community input is heard and implemented. (See Appendix 4 for original IAP2 Spectrum of Public Participation from the Vancouver Mayor's Engaged City Task Force).



**Figure 4.** IAP2 Spectrum of Public Participation Adapted from Vancouver Mayor's Engaged City Task Force, 2014

### Alignment with the Wellbeing at UBC's draft communications strategy

Wellbeing at UBC's draft communications strategy provides a number of helpful guiding priorities, objectives and target audiences for 'Conversations in Wellbeing' engagement efforts. We have attempted to align our suggested engagement methods with the draft strategy, although recognize that we also seek to engage UBC campus community members who are also just interested in wellbeing (versus already being involved).

The following priorities, objectives and primary audiences are from the draft communications strategy:

### Priorities for Year 2, Sep. 2015 - Sep. 2016 (current focus)

- 1. Make a 'bigger bang' by being coordinated
- 2. Engagement & community building

### Draft Objectives for Communications Implementation (top 5)

- 1. Develop wellbeing literacy to begin dialogue: show the 'messiness' while developing a common language (talking points)
- 2. Work towards an aspirational statement/common vision (built from community engagement)
- 3. Coordinate wellbeing messaging ('weaving a wellbeing thread')
- 4. Provide channels for the community to inform priorities
- 5. Leverage existing communications circles and their spheres of influence

#### **Primary Audiences**

- 1. Those with responsibility for some area of wellbeing at UBC Vancouver and Okanagan campuses (e.g. staff, administration, campus businesses and services)
- 2. Wellbeing at UBC Steering Committee
- 3. Working group members
- 4. Those doing research or teaching in areas related to wellbeing

### **Engagement Methods**

We have listed a variety of potential engagement methods, which seek out partners from across campus and use a number of different communications channels; the full list of potential engagement methods is available in a table format in Appendix 5. The goal of the engagement table is not to be prescriptive, but rather to stimulate discussion on possible engagement methods—we welcome your feedback!

The common theme running through the proposed engagement methods is the desire to understand community perceptions, priorities and needs around wellbeing by asking the following questions:

- 1. What does wellbeing mean to you?
- 2. How can the university build healthier and happier communities?
- 3. What should UBC's priorities be for wellbeing?
- 4. How do you want to be involved?

These questions are meant to applicable in different situations and in collaboration with different partners, by adding or adapting the questions based on the need.

### Engagement Examples

The following pages give two examples of how an engagement opportunity might be developed in greater detail. These can be used as a template for staff, students, faculty and staff when collaborating on wellbeing initiatives.

Title: Harvest Feast Date: Mid September Campuses: Vancouver

**Partners:** Campus & Community Planning, Food Services, HR, USI, Campus Residence Life Manager, Musqueam, Wellbeing at UBC, Student Development & Services, UBC Arts & Culture District, Communications

### Description

Harvest Feast is a sit-down dinner for up to 1,000 people that takes place on Main Mall. The meal is prepared by UBC and AMS chefs using locally sourced food, including the UBC farm. This is the second annual Harvest Feast. The event combines multiple aspects of wellbeing on campus including: food, art, culture, sustainability, First Nations engagement and community building.

### **Engagement Description**

Through collaboration with partners, two wellbeing-related engagement activities have been chosen for the Harvest Feast with the aim of increasing connection and interaction between Feast participants while stimulating conversation on the topic of wellbeing at UBC.

- 1. Wellbeing Wishing Tree: Located at the entrance, near the registration table, there will be a potted apple tree on which participants can hang their 'Wellbeing Wishes for UBC'. Hole-punched tags with ribbon will be provided for participants to write on. Hanging the tags on the apple tree will allow for a visual display of participants' contribution to the 'Wellbeing Conversation'. These cards will be collected after the event and used to help determine UBC wellbeing priorities moving forward. The donated apple tree will act as a legacy piece as it will be planted after the event on the UBC Vancouver campus (location TBD); one day producing apples for a future Harvest Feast. A sponsor for the apple tree still needs to found.
- 2. Random Letters of Kindness: Participants are asked to write a letter of kindness on a postcard to someone they do not know. Postcards will be at every place setting; design and sponsor for postcards still need to be decided. The postcards are then collected part way through the feast and then redistributed at the end of the event. Every participant leaves the event with a letter of kindness. Participants are encouraged to pass on the postcard (hiding it in places to be found by someone else). In this way it becomes a 'random act of kindness' finding its way into different people's hands.
- 3. First Nations Engagement: A Musqueam First Nation Elder has been invited to give a welcome and to acknowledge that the event is taking place on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territiory of the Musqueam people. The Sustainability Scholar working with the Musqueam people will be helping incorporate First Nation stories and connections into the menu for the Feast.

### Target audience

Vancouver campus staff, faculty, students, and UNA community members

### Possible Indicators of Success

- Number of 'Wellbeing Wishes' hung on the tree
- Number of postcards handed in

### **Communications Action**

Continued communication between partners will be required up to the event.

### Actions Required

- Sponsor for the apple tree needs to be found
- Planting location post-event for apple tree needs to be determined
- Wording for 'Wellbeing Wishes' vetted to align to ensure usability of answer
- Cards and ribbons for 'Wellbeing Wishes' need to be prepared
- Sponsor, design and wording for 'Random Letters of Kindness' postcards needs to be determined.

### **Resources Required**

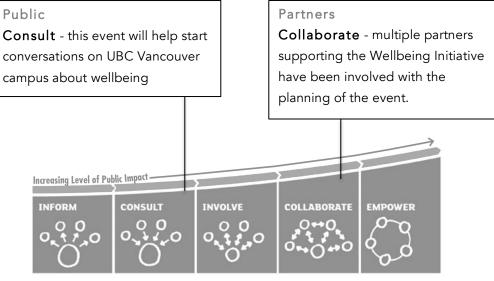
- Cost of materials to be covered by UBC partners.
- Additional staffing time for planning and implementation (approx. 20 hours).

### Engagement Objectives Achieved through Engagement

- Increase awareness
- Celebrate success
- Inspire interest
- Share information
- Build networks

- Build capacity
- Align communications
- Encourage 2-way dialogue
- Data collection
- Collaboration





IAP2 Spectrum of Public Participation Adapted from Vancouver Mayor's Engaged City Task Force, 2014 Title: Grad Student Wellbeing Network Date: Ongoing Campuses: Vancouver Partners: Core Grad Student group, GSS, Supporting UBC Partners

### Engagement Description

From early conversations it has been clear that there is a lack of support and resources tailored to meet the unique needs of grad students in order to support and promote their wellbeing at the UBC Vancouver Campus. Over the summer a the Wellbeing Initiative has been convening Grad Student Wellbeing Tune-ins with a core group of grad students to discuss the possibility of starting a Grad Student Wellbeing Network that would allow for tailored approaches for individual grad departments while simultaneous creating a support network for those advocating for grad student wellbeing, giving opportunity for collaboration and knowledge sharing.

Moving forward, there is a desire for the network to be student led and run; to be better in touch with the needs of students, to be more vibrant, organic, and less institutional. However, the network is not yet at a point where it can take on a life of its own and requires support from various partners to get started. It is recommended that a Grad Student Wellbeing Coordinator position be created in order to coordinate and facilitate efforts of the network and other related grad student wellbeing initiatives. This paid student-staff position would sit within the GSS in order to maintain student autonomy. It is suggested that this position would be filled wither by a recent grad working full time or 2 current grad students working part time. Funding for this position needs to be secured.

### Target audience

Graduate, postdoctoral, and professional program students

### Possible Indicators of Success

- Funding allocated for Student Wellbeing Coordinator Position
- Number of students involved in the network

### **Communications Action**

- Erika to facilitate August meeting and set date for regular monthly meeting (though no facilitation required).
- Wellbeing Initiative should attend future monthly meetings only if requested

### Actions Required

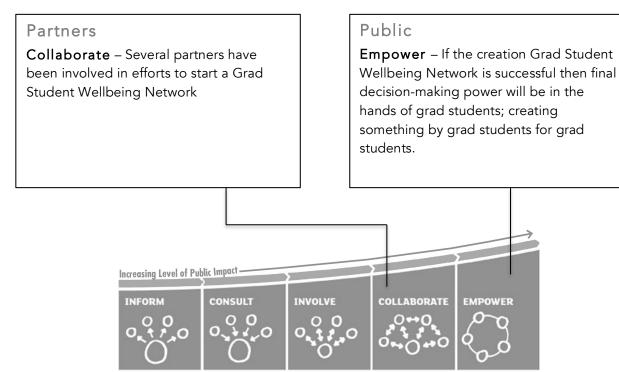
- Follow up with GSS VP Academic and GSS president regarding creation of Grad Student Wellbeing Coordinator Position
- Follow up with UBC supporting staff who are looking into possible sources of funding for the position

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### Level of Engagement



IAP2 Spectrum of Public Participation

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Vancouver Mayor's Engaged City Task Force. (2014). Vancouver Mayor's Engaged City Task Force Final Report. City of Vancouver. APPENDIX 1: Overview of Wellbeing Initiative (Renamed to Wellbeing at UBC)



# **UBC** Wellbeing Initiative

The UBC Wellbeing Initiative is a university-wide effort to engage with our Vancouver and Okanagan campus communities.

We've been listening, and our community has identified these emerging areas to promote human and ecological wellbeing at UBC:



Mental Health & Resilience



Physical Activity







Inclusion &

Connectivity

What is important to you?



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Food &

Nutrition

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August 31, 2015

The university-wide Wellbeing Initiative is students, staff, faculty, senior administration, and neighbours working together, informed by unique campus contexts.

### **Guiding principles**

BE A CATALYST Enabling, connecting, facilitating

CREATE AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS Everyone has something to offer

USE SCHOLARLY METHODS In teaching, learning, research and development

ADVANCE "CAMPUS AS A LIVING LAB" To include health, wellbeing and sustainability of people and environments

#### FORGE PARTNERSHIPS Among individuals, units, and organizations Across campuses

Across campuses With students, staff, faculty, community

# Fostering a cultural shift

Universities have a mandate to use best evidence and create new knowledge, technologies and practices of benefit for their campus communities and the world.

By embarking on a long-term Wellbeing Initiative, UBC is committing to an internal cultural shift where human and ecological wellbeing is valued as a deeply held commitment and a lens for decisionmaking and daily activities.

"Let us find a way to belong to this time and place together. Our future, and the wellbeing of all our children rests with the kind of relationships we build today." Chief Dr. Robert Joseph,

Ambassador for Reconciliation Canada



<mark>a place of mind</mark> THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



Vancouver Campus

Okanagan Campus



How would you like to be involved?

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### Community

5,145 Faculty

- 10,110 Staff
- 59,700 Students
- 1,340 Aboriginal students
- **12,000** International students from **139** countries

**19,000** UTown@UBC Community Residents

300,000+ Alumni

### Research

\$2.1 billion annual operating budget\$564 million research funding

### Campuses

**400 hectare** Vancouver Campus located on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Musqueam people

209 hectare Okanagan Campus located on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Okanagan Nation



## APPENDIX 2: Early Engagement at UBC-V

Meetings .	Attended	
Date	Met With	Topic of Discussion
1/25/2015	AMS	AMS Impact Grant
2/10/2015	SEEDS	Collaboration between the Wellbeing at UBC and SEEDS
3/5/2015	GSS	Grad student wellbeing
3/13/2015	Student Development & Services	Grad student peer support positions at the Wellness Center
3/30/2015	Wellbeing at UBC Steering Committee	Presentation on Fall engagement
4/13/2015	UBC Sustainability Initiative	Social Sustainability Working Group
4/29/2015	HR Health, Wellbeing & Benefits Team	Alignment and communications
5/11/2015	Teaching, Learning and Research Working Group	Wellbeing & Teaching, Learning and Research
5/14/2015	Center for Democratic Institutions	Participatory Budgeting
5/22/2015	Faculty of Arts Marketing and Communications	The Role of Arts and Culture in the Wellbeing Conversation
6/2/2015	SALA director	Visual representation and Faculty feedback on draft of engagement strategy
6/3/2015	Kate Hunter (Director), Megan Gower (Manager)	Internal Communications
6/3/2015	Campus + Community Planning	Feedback on Wellbeing Overall Strategy and Engagement Strategy
6/3/2015	VP students	Engagement Strategy Feedback
6/4/2015	HR Health, Wellbeing & Benefits Team	Engagement Strategy Feedback
6/6/2015	SEEDS	Engagement Strategy Feedback
7/2/2015	Advising and Student Involvement and Teaching, Learning, & Research	Sustainability Ambassadors & Wellbeing Collaboration
7/7/2015	AMS VP Academic	AMS and Opportunities for Collaboration with Wellbeing at UBC
7/7/2015	Physical Activity Manager	Opportunities for collaborations for Fall events
7/8/2015	Student Health Service	Opportunities for collaborations for Fall Orientations
7/15/2015	Harvest Feat Planning Committee	Icebreakers for Harvest Feast
Various	9 one on one interviews with faculty and staff	Wellbeing at UBC

Events Atte	nded	
Date	Event	Hosted by
2/10/ 2015	Sustainability Fair	Sustainability Ambassadors / UBC Sustainability Initiative
2/14/ 2015	Mental Health Symposium	Mental Health Network
4/30/2015 5/1/2015	Core Wellness Training	Wellness Center
6/11/2015	Mental Health and Wellbeing Consultation	Mental Health and Wellbeing and Keeling and Associates
6/22-25/ 2015	International Health Promoting Universities and Colleges Conference	UBC Okanagan
7/3/2015	Move U Presentation	Michelle Brownrigg – Director, Physical Activity and Equity at University of Toronto

Events Hos	ted by the Wellbeing at UBC	
Date	Event	Number of participants
3/2/2015	Staff Wellbeing Tune-In (Large Group)	10
3/25/2015	Staff Wellbeing Tune-In (Core Group)	7
4/20/2015	Staff Wellbeing Tune-In (Convergence of Sustainability & Wellbeing)	21
5/7/2015	Grad student Wellbeing Tune-In (MOV Happiness Exhibit)	7
5/11/2015	Wellbeing & Teaching, Learning and Research	7
5/21/2015	Staff Wellbeing Tune-In (Core Group)	8
5/21/2015	Grad student Wellbeing Tune-In	6
6/24/2015	Wellbeing & Teaching, Learning and Research	7
7/24/2015	International Health Promoting Universities and Colleges Conference Student Report Back	20 (approximate)
7/28/2015	Grad student Wellbeing Tune-In	11

### APPENDIX 3: Additional Feedback from Conversations at UBC-V

Additional feedback from conversations for consideration:

- A need to tap into existing resources/communication channels/programming opportunities on campus—for example:
  - Men's Health Research Network based out of UBC's School of Nursing, is an interdisciplinary network of projects related to men's physical and mental health; they run numerous events and workshops (webinars, men's groups, etc.) and would like connect with UBC's work on mental health (<u>http://menshealthresearch.ubc.ca/</u>)
  - UBC Health & Safety Committees, each building/unit mandated to have a committee, overseen by Risk Management, who send out monthly e-mails with agenda suggestions and updates; wellbeing-related materials could enhance what they are able to offer. The University Health and Safety Committee could also help drive a broader wellbeing agenda (i.e. help implement outcomes from Physical Activity Working Group) (http://riskmanagement.ubc.ca/health-safety/university-health-safety-committee)
  - UBC Intercultural Understanding is interested is promoting 'functional diversity' and intercultural fluency and building capacity to have difficult conversations; they offer resources, trainings and events (<u>http://equity.ubc.ca/intercultural-understanding/</u>)
  - UBC Botanical Garden offers free admission to staff, faculty and students to the garden (an excellent way to encourage people to get outside!) and offers numerous programs and events (tours, food gardens, movie nights, workshops, Sustainability Field School, etc.), they offer outdoor classroom space and a covered pavilion which can be used for events (www.botanicalgarden.ubc.ca/)
  - **UBC Farm** offers a number of wellbeing-related workshops and other events, as well as farm tours (http://ubcfarm.ubc.ca/community/)
  - University Neighbourhoods Association operate the on-campus community centers (Old Barn, soon-to-be opening Westbrook Community Centre), and have a number of communications channels (newsletters, monthly newspaper, etc), programs, and opportunities for newcomers (<u>http://www.myuna.ca/community-engagement/</u>)
- Providing channels for challenging structural/institutional barriers to wellbeing—i.e. work load, long commutes for Faculty who can't afford to live closer, support for power imbalances between faculty and staff, standardizing timetables for undergraduate students
- Having a directive from the President would help give the initiative (and wellbeing-related programs, like mindfulness at work, physical activity, etc) added legitimacy, and having deans/department heads champion and model wellbeing behaviours (i.e. having a wellbeing/health module in the Academic Leadership Development Program (ALDP))
- Increasing opportunities for engaging in wellbeing practices, i.e. increasing physical activity infrastructure 'clusters', increasing number and extending hours of affordable healthy food service providers
- Exploring what a 'wellbeing-promoting workplace' looks and feels like, and making sure what we have 'on paper' translates to 'on the ground'

### **APPENDIX 4: Strategies Informing the Process**

### a. Engagement Strategies at UBC

### Campus + Community Planning

Campus + Community Planning (C+CP) have developed a set of engagement principles that provide a good starting point for developing engagement methods on UBC campuses (UBC Campus + Community Planning, 2014).

They are also leading the development of the UBC Okanagan Campus Master Plan, which is currently underway, informed by UBC's Place and Promise and draft Aspire, an earlier consultative visioning process. The Master Plan's vision supports social and ecological wellbeing on campus, and is guided by four principles: foster a welcoming and connected campus; celebrate place; support campus vitality; and support campus growth through whole systems infrastructure planning (UBC Campus + Community Planning, 2015). It is important that any engagement activities for Wellbeing at UBC align with the Master Plan and Aspire, and engage with those who ran the engagement processes to better understand what worked best.

#### Aspire: Envisioning our Future

Aspire was a consultative process of envisioning UBC's Okanagan campus 15-20 years into the future. According to the Aspire Consultation Report (2014), "What emerged from the consultation was a consensus that the Okanagan campus should aspire to be a model of innovative and interdisciplinary programming within the UBC system, and a place that has an impact on communities both local and global".

Key take-aways:

Four priority areas for exploration:

- Transformative student learning
- Research excellence

- Community engagement
- Place

Review the Aspire Consultation Report (2014) for a detailed description of themes and aspirations within the four priority areas for exploration.

#### Master Plan

The UBC Okanagan Master Plan is being updated to help guide the growth and development of the Okanagan campus over the next 20 years. View the full Master Plan at: <u>http://planning.ubc.ca/okanagan/plans-policies/ubc-okanagan-master-plan-update/about-master-plan-update</u>

Key takeaways:

Develop plans and opportunities to accommodate growth and development of the following areas:

- Academic and research facilities
- Natural areas
- Places for recreation
- Campus residences
- Cycling and walking trails
- Road network

- Transit facilities
- Parking
- Infrastructure services
- Water, waster, energy
- Informal places for social connection
- Formal and informal study areas

### UBC Okanagan VOICE Study

In 2006 at UBC's rapidly growing Okanagan campus, a program of research called The VOICE Study was started to address the health of young adults and increase knowledge about healthy campus development. The VOICE Study is guided by a three-component framework of a) community based participatory action research methods, b) setting based health promotion strategies, and c) youth/adult partnerships. Working as co-researchers, students and organizational leaders (staff, faculty, administrators, and campus business people) identify priority health issues, mobilize existing resources, and create health-promoting change from the individual to community level. Photographic, quantitative and qualitative research methods have been used to explore and take action on priority health issues. Action groups have been formed around diverse topics, for example, drinking water, "real" food, natural environment, physical activity, transportation, and student space.

Results indicate that the process of creating change through use of The VOICE Study framework is highly effective. Therefore, the VOICE framework has been used and adapted over the years to address priority campus community issues and further explore sustainable, healthy campus development. Other campuses and communities can easily adapt the VOICE framework and engagement strategies to create health promoting change in their settings as well.

#### Key take-aways:

- 1. Diverse students (youth) and organizational leaders (adults) must be full partners throughout the process;
- 2. Patience, persistence and a sense of humor are basic requirements; and
- 3. The results appear to be transferable to other settings when the egalitarian values embedded in the methodological framework are explicit, and the community designs the specifics (e.g. issues, actions) to fit their context.

### UBC Vancouver 20-Year Sustainability Strategy

In 2014, UBC's Sustainability Initiative (USI) released its high-level 20-year Sustainability Strategy to guide UBC's Vancouver Campus toward next generation sustainability (University of British Columbia, 2014). The Strategy is a framework that enables UBC to further integrate sustainability efforts by leveraging the campus as a living lab and creating academic, operational and community collaborations and connections. It focuses on transforming the curriculum, creating net-positive outcomes in terms of human and environmental wellbeing, and developing a model community at an urban neighbourhood scale.

Beginning in Fall 2013, UBC Vancouver began the 8-month process to develop the Strategy. A Steering Committee was established for the process, which included 21 people representing a diverse cross-section of faculty, students, staff, external community partners, the University Neighbourhood Association and the Musqueam First Nation. The SC, supported by an Internal Working Group, helped steer the engagement process, consider community feedback and draft the strategy. An extensive engagement process provided feedback, which was staged in two phases:

- Phase 1 engaged the community in the development of a vision to set the stage and gain legitimacy for Phase 2;
- Phase 2 engaged the community in the development of strategic goals across the three pillars of teaching, learning and research, operations and infrastructure and community.

Outreach methods included digital communications, community booths, presentations, and making use of campus media, with feedback gathered at stakeholder meetings (i.e. Lunch and Learns), online surveys using

Open Minds Forum (including mobile & kiosk deployment), in-person workshops and open houses. Interactive tools were used to obtain feedback on larger pieces of writing.

Key take-aways:

- 1. Encouraging peer-to-peer interaction (i.e. having faculty or staff Steering Committee members facilitating at faculty or staff workshops);
- 2. Going to where your target audience is (i.e. finding hubs), instead of waiting for people to come to you;
- 3. Recruiting and leveraging volunteer Sustainability Ambassadors (students) and Coordinators (staff) to help get the word out;
- 4. Using broadcast e-mails to drive traffic to website & having different e-mails tailored to each target group;
- 5. If asking for feedback, give out printed cards with different URLs for different engagements, and use URLs used to track where people were getting information;
- 6. Avoiding methods such as booths and presentations, which are not always the best use of staff time; and
- 7. Making sure evaluative statistics are collected as early on as possible in the engagement process.

### b. Engagement Efforts outside UBC

### **Municipalities**

#### City of Vancouver's Healthy City Strategy

The 2014 City of Vancouver 'Healthy City for All' strategy and framework provides helpful framing for

understanding how to assess and work towards healthier communities (City of Vancouver, 2014). The strategy defines a healthy city for all as "a city where together we are creating and continually improving the conditions that enable all of us to enjoy the highest level of health and wellbeing possible." To support this vision, they propose a framework of 12 goals with associated targets and indicators (see Appendix 1 for relevant goals, targets and indicators).

To inform their work, the City of Vancouver established a 'Healthy City for All Leadership Table', made up of 30 leaders and stakeholders who met with city staff over an 8-month period to provide input into the strategy's framework. They also ran a public engagement process called "Talk Healthy City for All", asking citizens for their best ideas for achieving a healthy city for all. Engagement involved an online platform for collecting ideas, social media outreach, workshops, 'Ideas Labs' and targeted dialogues with groups.



Figure 1. 'Healthy City for All' Framework

Key take-aways:

- 1. "Healthy City for All" framework (see Figure 1), based on healthy communities, healthy environments and healthy people;
- 2. Examples of targets and indicators for measuring wellbeing (see Appendix 1);
- 3. Useful engagement methods to engage public (i.e. 'Ideas Labs', targeted dialogues)

Relevant Targets & Indicators from City of Vancouver Strategies

The City of Vancouver's Healthy City for All framework and Engaged City Taskforce report include a number of potentially relevant targets and associated indicators track progress and outcomes. Examples of those most relevant are listed in Table 2 (for the full lists, please see the reports).

Table 2. Relevant Targets & Indicators from City of Va	ancouver Strategies
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Healthy City Strategy		
Goal	2025 Targets	Indicators
Feeding ourselves well: Vancouver has a healthy, just and sustainable food system	By 2020, increase city-wide and neighbourhood food assets by a minimum of 50% over 2010 levels	Food assets (#)
Healthy human services: Vancouverites have equitable access to high-quality social, community and health services	Increase the % of Vancouverites who report having access to services when they need them by 25% over 2014 levels	Access to services when needed (%)
<b>Being and feeling safe and included:</b> Vancouver is a safe city in which residents feel secure	Increase Vancouver residents' sense of belonging by 10% Increase Vancouver residents' sense of safety by 10% Make Vancouver the safest major city in Canada by reducing violent and property crime every year, including sexual assault	Sense of belonging (%) Sense of safety (%)
<b>Cultivating connections:</b> Vancouverites are connected and engaged in the places and spaces that matter to us	All Vancouverites report that they have at least 4 people in their network they can rely on for support in times of need	Social support network size (%) Sense of trust (%)
Active living and getting outside: Vancouverites are engaged in active living and have incomparable access to nature	Increase the % of Vancouver residents aged 18 and over who meet the Canadian Physical Activity Guidelines by 25% over 2014 levels	Residents who meet the Canadian Physical Activity Guidelines (%)
<b>Expressing ourselves:</b> Vancouver has a diverse and thriving cultural ecology that enriches the lives of all residents and visitors	Increase public participation and community engagement in arts and culture by 25% over 2014 levels	Arts and culture participation (#); Creative places and spaces (#)
<b>Getting around:</b> Vancouverites enjoy safe, active, and accessible ways of getting around the city	Make the majority of trips on foot, bike and transit	Sustainable transportation mode share (%) Number of active transportation trips (#)
<b>Environments to thrive in:</b> Vancouverites have the right to a healthy environment and equitable access to liveable environments in which they can thrive	Every Vancouver neighborhood has a Walk Score of at least 70	Neighborhood Walk Scores (#)
<b>Collaborative leadership for A Healthy City for</b> <b>All:</b> Leaders from the public, private, and civil sectors in Vancouver work in integrated and collaborative ways towards the vision of a healthy Vancouver for all.	Wilder Collaboration Assessment rankings (http:// Research/Publications/Studies/Collaboration%20F on%20Factors%20Inventory.pdf)	
Engaged City Taskforce Report		
Goals	Indicators	
Building capacity	% of residents that identify support networks of fo	
Building trust	% of residents who answer yes to the question "H lost wallet?" % of residents who feel that they are contributing their community % of residents who answer "no" to the question: community where you feel unwelcome?"	to increasing social capacity in
Building power	% of residents that answer "yes" to the statement decisions in my community"	"I feel I can have an impact on

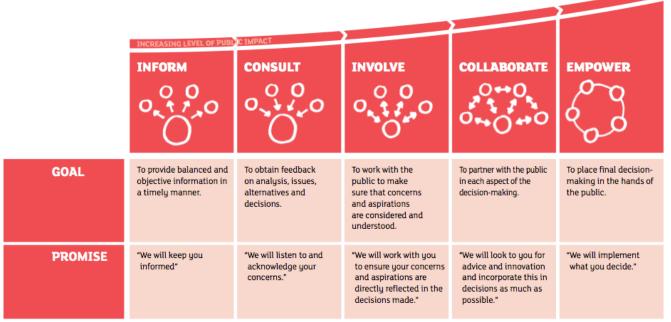
#### Vancouver Mayor's Engaged City Taskforce

In response to the June 2012 Vancouver Foundation report "Communications and Engagement", which spoke to the growing sense of isolation and disconnection among residents of Metro Vancouver, Vancouver's Mayor established the Vancouver Mayor's Engaged City Taskforce, a group of 22 residents tasked with examining how Vancouver could increase residents' sense of belonging and inclusion. The Taskforce published a report in 2014 which draws powerful links between improving engagement and improving wellbeing.

The report defines an engaged city as a city that "engaged city brings people together for conversations to address issues of common importance, to solve shared problems, and to bring about positive social change. It involves people in the decision-making process such that it improves the resulting decision and, over time, builds the trust that is needed for fully empowered communities to actively create a common future." (Vancouver Mayor's Engaged City Task Force, 2014).

They suggest incorporating the International Association for Public Participation's (IAP2) 'Spectrum of Public Participation' (Figure 2) into guiding principles and for use as an evaluation framework for the review of every engagement project.

Figure 2. IAP2 Spectrum of Public Participation (Source: Vancouver Mayor's Engaged City Task Force, 2014)



Key take-aways:

- 1. Four building blocks of an engaged city: building knowledge; building capacity; building trust; and building power;
- 2. Developing specific engagement strategies for underrepresented groups;
- 3. Supporting face-to-face engagement, i.e. using food to bring people together and supporting the establishment of 'conversation tables'; and
- 4. Examples of targets and indicators to help with measuring engagement (see Appendix 1 for relevant targets and indicators).

#### City of Victoria Civic Engagement Strategy

The City of Victoria's 2012 Civic Engagement Strategy (City of Victoria, 2012) is the result of a March 2009 City Council decision to improve how the City engages with the public. A team of engagement practitioners & researchers were contracted for a 4-month period to develop the strategy, during which engagement efforts were made to seek feedback from beyond the 'informed and connected minority.' These efforts included some fun and interactive ideas, such as a Public Ideas Forum and using *IdeaScale*, an online discussion and ideas-submission forum with voting capacity. Similar to the Vancouver Engaged City Taskforce Report, the strategy also references the IAP2 spectrum (Figure 3), using it as a tool to help frame and evaluate engagement efforts.

#### Key take-aways:

- Examples of engagement objectives, i.e. better understand the diversity and strength of public opinion; share different viewpoints and learn from each other to generate new ideas and solutions; build trust in decision-makers and more organizational capacity; and enhance community capacity and social connections; and
- 2. List and descriptions of alternative/non-traditional engagement tools & methods suggested by the National Coalition for Dialogue and Deliberation (i.e. kitchen table conversations, wisdom circles, etc.).

While their strategy is from 2012, recently elected Mayor Lisa Helps has emphasized the importance of civic engagement. At a recent talk on politics and happiness, she stated the importance of "engaging people in surprising ways," a sentiment that we find resonates deeply with how we view 'Conversations in Wellbeing.'

#### City of Kelowna's Healthy City Partnership

In 2014, the City of Kelowna partnered with Interior Health and UBC's Okanagan campus to create a Healthy City Partnership. This partnership will be a multi-year strategy focusing on different priority areas in order to develop a Healthy City Strategy. Visit the City of Kelowna website for detailed information: www.kelowna.ca.

#### City of Kelowna's 2030 Official Community Plan: Greening our future

According to the City of Kelowna (2014), "The Official Community Plan 2010-2030 has been created to realize the community's vision for a sustainable community while keeping the best of what already exists, such as our waterfront, parklands and water quality". In terms of sustainability, the report defines a sustainable city as, "The best balance between environmental protection, economic growth, social development and cultural vibrancy".

#### Key takeways:

Community consultation into the Official Community Plan 2010 – 2030 found that residents want a city where:

- Urban communities are compact and walkable;
- Housing is available and affordable for all residents;
- People feel safe downtown and in their own neighbourhoods;
- The natural environment (land and water) is protected and preserved;
- Walking paths and bicycle routes connect to key destinations;
- The economy is growing, vibrant and bringing in new businesses;
- Buildings and public spaces are attractive places; and,
- Recreation and cultural opportunities are plentiful.
- Residents also expressed a strong desire to make the city more sustainable.

#### Universities

A May 2013 report for UBC (Keeling & Associates, LLC, 2013) provides a comparative review of other universities' health and wellbeing-related programs and initiatives. This report offers a good overview of what other campuses offer in terms of wellbeing programming, and demonstrates that the large majority of these initiatives focus largely on student wellbeing. While undertaking a similar review of how these initiatives engage their audiences is beyond the scope of this report, we have chosen to highlight three examples that offer some innovative examples.

#### Simon Fraser University: Healthy Campus Community Initiative

The Healthy Campus Community initiative was launched in 2012 and takes a systemic, campus-wide approach to engage the SFU community in creating conditions that enhance health and well-being (Simon Fraser University Health Promotion, 2015). The initiative links health with learning and student success, and therefore integrates wellbeing into the core business of SFU. It is aligned with the University's Academic Plan and supports the institutional vision of an Engaged University. It also draws on principles of collaboration to create campus environments that positively influence the health and wellbeing of students, staff and faculty. Finally, it establishes six areas for action: learning & working environments; policies & processes; personal growth & development; social connection & community engagement; physical spaces; services & supports.

#### Key take-aways:

- 1. Takes a systems approach to integrate wellbeing into all aspects of campus life (including linking wellbeing and engagement);
- 2. In 2014, undertook community consultation to co-create a shared vision for a healthy campus which included a large-scale consultation event;
- 3. Celebrates champions, recognizing wellbeing is a collective effort that everyone can contribute to;
- 4. Uses developmental evaluation (DE) framework to evaluate work (see Appendix 4 for description of DE)

#### University of Toronto: GALDSU Mental Health Initiative

The U of T Graduate Architecture, Landscape and Design Student Union (GALDSU) established a Mental Health Initiative in September 2013 (GALDSU, 2015). They have since released two annual mental health reports (2013/2014 and 2014/2015). While the reports themselves are interesting and provide a glimpse of student wellbeing within the department, what is more interesting is the amount of publicity the reports have received and the discussion they have generated. The report was published in several design and architecture blogs, stimulating discussions at U of T, many other universities across the country, and amongst the architecture and design professionals.

#### Key take-aways:

- 1. Grass roots approach from specific groups can enable a tailored approach while contributing to the larger conversation;
- 2. Using tangible and quantifiable approach to question larger academic culture; and
- 3. Visual clarity of report, with minimal text.

#### UC Berkeley: Graduate Student Happiness & Wellbeing Report

UC Berkeley's Graduate Assembly conducted a survey on graduate student happiness and wellbeing, citing influence from the World Happiness Report (Graduate Assembly, 2014). The survey was administered to 2,500 graduate students, and 790 completed surveys were received. It is an important effort in establishing baseline data for graduate wellbeing, although its recommendations are general and the survey itself is reactive in nature, as it seeks to identify the problems, rather than being more focused on sourcing solutions.

#### Key take-aways:

- 1. Promoting awareness of healthy habits or well-being resources is necessary but not sufficient to improve graduate student well-being; systematic changes need to happen in order to enable beneficial behaviors;
- 2. Working to reduce "hassle factors—things that put up small but surprisingly consequential barriers to carrying out desired behaviors"; and
- 3. Quotes from students echo what we have been hearing at UBC.

### **APPENDIX 5: Overview: Developmental Evaluation**

The emerging area of "developmental evaluation" (DE) is a relatively new evaluation approach for supporting the process of innovation and adaptive learning within an initiative. DE is described as best suited for complex and emergent initiatives that are in a process of continuous development and adaptation, and are operating in an unpredictable environment where the path is continually changing. These initiatives may often have goals that are more like notions (or moving goalposts) than clear images. Within such initiatives, the framing of core issues may fluctuate, the way a problem is conceptualized may evolve, and various approaches to problem-solving will need to be tested in an ongoing manner. DE enables innovation through exploration and close tracking of an initiative's development by the evaluator.

The primary purpose of DE is to provide real-time feedback and generate learning to inform an initiative's development, helping it move towards its outcomes. The three key features of a developmental evaluation are:

- establishing a shared framing of the issue and its dynamics;
- experimenting with new approaches; and,
- tracking the trajectory of innovation by recording which roads were and were not taken, unintended consequences, adjustments, tensions and opportunities.

Tracking innovation helps document what it takes to create something new, which in turn makes decision-making more transparent while also generating valuable data. With regard balancing the accountability requirements of public sector auditing with a learning orientation approach to evaluation, this point is critical—as it demonstrates how DE can help *support an initiative's accountability* while also allowing for *flexibility in the evaluation process*.

For more information, please see the J.W. McConnell Family Foundation's A Developmental Evaluation Primer (Gamble, 2008) and DE 201: A Practitioner's Guide to Developmental Evaluation (Dozois, Langlois, & Blanchet-Cohen, 2008).

### APPENDIX 6: Table of Proposed Engagement Methods

 Table 3. Proposed 'Conversations in Wellbeing' engagement methods

Community Wide								
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Wesbrook Community Centre opening event	Holding an informal 'Conversation in Wellbeing' Using "Conversation States" cards as an boohkent & tables with refreshments during the Fall to start a conversation with a few ofheres 2515 opening event at the new Wesbook (opportunity b have 12, olunteers start Community Centre	invitation	Increasing awareness; data collection; collaboration; encouraging 2-way dialogue	unity Planning, UNA	September	<ul> <li>Planning has not yet started but likely will soon, eed to reach out to Alex Dominak or other UNA taff person to be a part of organizing</li> </ul>		Vancouver
Wellbeing at UBC Kkk-off event	A series (1-2) of 'kick-off events that feature high- profile speakers; possibly aligning with THRIVE, th Mental Health Symposium, or Sustainability Reads	kers sa Helps,	Increasing awareness; collaboration; sharing information; inspiring interest;	USI, VP students	Early November as lead up to - Thrive? In Feb with Mental Health Symposium?	<ul> <li>- Given Year 2 communications objectives, a larger Event kick-off style event may be better suited either later on in the year (Jan-March 2016), or in Year 3</li> </ul>		Vancouver
"Conversations in Wellbeing" Kitchen table discussions	Consider discussion for discussion for three and interested in hosting conversations on well-eng- with their group, they could then such the even sbry or feedback, and come up with some well-eng initiatives for their group.	<ul> <li>Self-led small-g oup conversations</li> </ul>	Encouraging 2-way dialogua, data collection, building opportity, sharing information, building retirvorts	Welliness Center, Control for Teaching, La aming September 2015-August 2016 and Technology, open to any interested groups	September 2015-August 2016	<ul> <li>Cudite is critital and solutid instantion background information, discussion questions, and a form for competing freedback and searbing back - It may be officiant by ear synthemia freed of agrees. In for the entitisticase, it for individes a guestion of the officiant of ear agreement will arrente for compagament and capacity-building guestion.</li> </ul>	Event, online	Vancouver
"Conversations in We libeing" open conversation space	A regular drop-in space for hosting conversations or weak-weak (prosed) with the interves), providing orders and lea, with possible great hosts who could provide a specific contrastation ripo-or acting via a specific contrastant or proco acting via (a. crafts initing, heating anales, e.b.) Depending non-miniter of prologovar, facilitation accound use "consistant technology", facilitation accound	Diakogue, data collection n	hrceasing awareness, data collection: encouraging 2-way datogue, collaboration	Rotaling, depending on guest host (ex. Food services, Health services, Physical Activity Working Group, etc)	Oct 2015-August 2016	and province the grade above internet and the province the province of the set of the se		Vancouver
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Open Minds forum	An online forum where students, alumni, staff, and faculty can participate in surveys and discussions to provide feetback on various aspects of their experience with the university.	An online forum where students, aiumi staff, and Start a survey to establish baseline data on UBC provide beddatory transverges and discussions to and begin transferig the shift in perceptions around provide beddator on anona aspects of their wortenence with the university.	Data collection	Open Minds	ongoing	<ul> <li>Sample questions: "What does wellbeing mean to Online you", "What verseens well behand to you at UBC"; "What would commere you that UBC is committed to supporting a culture of wellbeing on campus?"</li> </ul>		Vancouver
Celebrating 'wellbeing' champions	Supporting HR's efforts around "Thriving Faculty" and expand to include staff, student and community member champions (groups or individuals can be nominated).	Nomination & selection process; celebration ty reception ("Celebrating Wellbeing at UBC")	Increasing awareness; inspiring interest, celebrating success; data collection (stories)	HR; Wellness Centre; others?	January 2015 nominations, - March 2015 selection & a celebration reception	. 60	Program/Event \	Vancouver
fective		T aning	Building capacity, building antworks; encouraging 2-way dalogue	Eurly & Inclusion/Inscriberanding Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund	Oct 2015-Miguit 2016	This type of training cut but many evaluation. Program Rhough any "wellshing antibase and or well (students, and of training): it could count for adult course or exist. Them is menu cut be encoursed of the student course or colling counted by an encourse and the decreasions' "Schort is programme and information in committing similar on a smaller could may be useful at USC.		Vancouver
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Students Name	Description	Engagement Methods	Objectives	Potential Partners	Date	Other Considerations	Communication Channel	Campus
Wellness Center	The Wehness Centre provides provides peer counsellin services for mental and physical health promotion	9 Wellness peers and coaches at the Wellness Center would be excelent candidates to tacilitate orgoing wellbeing kitchen table discussions, story collecting and memory and peers and peers and peers and peers and peers.	Building capacity; encouraging 2-way dialogue; data collection, increasing awareness; sharing <sup>1</sup> information; inspiring interest;		ongoing		Program	Vancouver
NEXUS: SEEDS, Sustainability Scholars, Center for community engaged learning, and work learn	NEXUS: SEEDS, Sustainability Schotars, There are several programs that bring together Center for community engaged learning, sustained in the statistical and work learn in programmation or bin from kuran decision mixing.	There are several programs that bring together Correct proposed projects with a wellbeing frouts to Building capacity, cata called on increasing contract entrustance with and endopertic events. Placemaking projects and ant anvancess toulding networks, straing faculty apprints and evedope projects and ant ensearch installations are a greatively to lengage in suprising information; cabicardion; rispring interest for implementation or to inform thue decision ways.	o Building capacity: data collection, increasing awareness: building networks; sharing information; collaboration; inspiring interest	SEEDS program, USI	ongoing		Program	Vancouver
Gand Challenge	Franking ChuBCs Conternial the USI is launching a campus-work subidivi charging (competition) to move UBC brwards an indepositive or rogenreating impact on the environment. Subidits will find impact on the environment index of the environment of the finance sciential action, watel, who no and community.	Under the therme of Community a team will look at the integration of social sustainability demonstrates improvements in health, productivity and quality of life of the UBC community.	Building capacity, data cotection, increasing awareness building neworks, starting information; codaboration; inspiring interest information; codaboration; inspiring interest	L <u>s</u>	Sept 2015- March 2016		Competition	Vanoouver
GSS Offentation	Grad student orientation includes hismational Subert Verbozon, Man SOS Orientation Day Graduae Students and GSS Orientation Day	Ether in conjunction with CSS Orientation Day, or Bui as a sequence overlandy in the Specification float base abulant "Connection in Wellenger Previous at the Amore and the Connection of the previous and the Connection of the Built based of the Connection of the Built based of the Connection of the Built and the Connection of the Built and the Specification and the Connection of the Built and the Specification and the Connection of the Specification of the Built and the Amore and the Specification of the Specification of the Specification of the Amore and the Specification of the Specification of the Specification of the Amore and the Specification of	Building networks, data collection, increasing exercents, sharing information, respira interest, sharing information, respira	GSS, VP Students	Early September		Event	Vanoouver
Undergrad Orientations	New student orientation events include Imagine day and Jumpstart at UBC Vancouver and Create at	y Booth with fun ways to get feedback (ie gumball happiness rating, etc).	data collection, inspiring interest, sharing information; increasing awareness;	VP Students	Early September		Banner and booth	Okanagan, Vancouver
Grad Student Wellbeing Tune-ins	să	Meetings are held in a fun and social environment. k Topics of discussions are decided on by the group.	communication regimentation inspiring interest, sharing information; increasing GSS awareness; building networks; collaboration; encourage 2-way dialogue	g GSS	Ongoing		Meetings	Vancouver
Grad Wellbeing Reps.	Some departments have elected or appointed Welliteing reps. to promote student wellteing	Encourage every facult (videpartment to provide every facult (videpartment to reps would help provide labored approach to grad vide investment of the relative of approach wideleng Tune-ins would allow for networking across programs it is allow supper that GS process programs that any event the arent fails or mature	Building capacity, sharing information, increasing avarenses, building networks, collaboration;	SSS			Meetings	Vancouver
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Workshop/Presentation to an interested Deans Committee	Workshop/Presentation to an frateristical - A workshop or presentation for Deams (r 2 facultyr). Presentation & dialogue who are interest in historrign are about the Workshop at UEC and Conversations is Weltserg' and how their flootifies could participate.	). Presentation & dalogue	Increasing awareness: sharing information; building network	Reach out to individual faculties	Ongoing	Lactor solution	Meeting	Vancouver
Heads Up meetings	Meeting w/Dopatment Hauds who are interested in Press Barning puron about the Walkberg at UBC and Convensions in Walkberg and an UBC pure the departments could participate, also an opportunity to present research inking welfberg and the workdate	n Presentation & dalogue	Increasing awarenees; sharing information; building networks	Reach out to individual faculties	Fall 2015	<ul> <li>Be clear about what the "set' is, present verys they can ange if interest, and have clear objectives &amp; agenda to share prior to he event.</li> <li>Presentations should be and san opportunity to have a conversation about webleing at UBC campus and also as in opportunity to ghter thronghout on the lyse as an opportunity of programming that faculty members are hereaded in programming that faculty members.</li> </ul>	Meeting	Vanco uver
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Heathy Workplaces Initiative Fund Sturing Event	Holding a 1.5 hour breakfast receptor/event that provides an opportuny. In a suff avariable 1 Healthy provides an instantial of a present what they be dread to how show honging the resents of the event would holp sites excesses with notward pre- tained and a successes with the suff and how a a correlation instantiant record possiby linking in staff sustantial/sweltiering coordination- it includ a stack of event to showcase the staff	Presentations, pee-lo-peer learning	Building retworks, sharing information; coeficialing success; inspiring interest; increasing anaronass	Health Promoton Team at HR	Fail 2015	<ul> <li>- Also an opportunity to highlight other work being done by Hit Health Promotion Team; possible wellbeing champtons program</li> </ul>	Event	Vancouver
'Employee Wellbeing Guide' Okanagan Studert Engagement examples ***feromplete **	Assist with the oreation of a "Employee Wellbeing Cade (similar) to USIs Employee Statimability Guido), Issaed of Work HR is doing & success stores from the Healtry Workplaces Initiative Fund	Providing information on wellawing in the workplace. Sharing information, calebrating success, through the stores of others ( similar to Thriving Facualy) in an easily accessible online format.	<ul> <li>Sharing information: celebrating success; inspiring interest; communication alignment</li> </ul>	Health Promotion Team at HR, USICampus and Community Planning	Fail 2015 or Winter 2016	<ul> <li>If using Healthy Vorydace Fund Inflative schlas, Online publication, e-mail may have to update guide every year or two to keep dissemination it fresh;</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Online publication, e-mail</li> <li>ep dissemination</li> </ul>	Vancouver
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