

Founded in 1985

Harmony Foundation is a registered charitable organization recognized internationally for its leadership in multi-sector cooperation and creating innovative training programs and educational materials for educators, youth, the workplace and communities.

Harmony Foundation of Canada

Positive, Practical Leadership

Harmony Foundation was created in 1985 by Michael Bloomfield on the principle that cooperation and education are essential to a successful transition to a sustainable society.

Mission Statement

Our world is faced with new social, economic and environmental realities that require changes in our lives. We believe that cooperation is the best way to meet these challenges and that a healthy and prosperous society depends upon greater investment education leading to socially and environmentally sustainable development. .

Harmony Foundation has earned a respected record; educating about global change, furthering broad-based action on sustainable development and increasing the capacity to take positive action in communities in Canada and around the world. Our practical, innovative programs are based on reliable, objective information and a cooperative and multi-disciplinary approach.

We are committed to working in partnership with other organizations to establish meaningful results and reduce conflict around environment and development issues. These partnerships work to maximize results and minimize administrative costs. Harmony Foundation strives to build bridges between business, government and community organizations, demonstrating the practical benefits of multi-sector cooperation.



Building Sustainable Societies

Since 1990 Harmony has provided educators and community leaders with innovative programs and materials, enabling them to act as catalysts for positive results. Harmony's programs train for taking informed, well planned and cooperative action, locally, nationally and internationally.

The Foundation's central program, ***Building Sustainable Societies***, builds community leadership and the skills people need to work together to take positive action towards sustainable community development.

It provides leadership training for community leaders, mayors and city building professionals and equips communities and their members with the tools to plan and implement programs which achieve practical results on such urgent issues as climate change, land-use, biodiversity, food security, air, transportation and water.

Building Sustainable Societies continues to develop new programs and materials to address key issues. To this end, we began collaboration in 2006 to create ***The Leadership Training Program for Sustainable Community Development in China***. (Please see **program Executive Summary and PowerPoint**).

Audience and Geographical Scope

Participants in ***Building Sustainable Societies*** have come from 36 countries and from across Canada. International cooperation builds success and leadership; developing and disseminating best practices, success stories and new methods and materials beneficial to communities around the world.

Major Awards

- Ethics in Action Award, 1998.
- Commonwealth Foundation Fellowship, 1994.
- United Nations Environment Programme, Global 500 Award, 1992

Directors and Key Advisors

Robert Bateman, Honourary Chair
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Major Projects to Date

- ***Canadian Community and Climate Change: Tools for Action***, a national program including training sessions and a comprehensive manual that provides community groups with the knowledge, skills and motivation to take local action on climate change.
- ***Building Sustainable Societies***, a dynamic, program that provides communities with tools to understand issues of sustainable development in their social, economic and political contexts, and the method to work together towards positive change.
- International adaptations of the ***Building Sustainable Societies*** training methods and materials have benefited communities around the world most notably in Mexico Brazil and China. International cooperation is expanding results.
- ***Institute for Environmental Values Education***, which includes the production of numerous environmental publications and resource materials as well as the delivery of training for educators and community leaders through ***Building Sustainable Societies***.
- ***Youth Vision***, providing young people with life skills through community service.
- ***Sustainable Development Education Initiative*** - an overview of environmental education, and the practical realities of the changes required to curriculum and administration, for education on sustainable development to be successfully implemented into schools.
- ***Green Works***, a workplace training program facilitating the design and implementation of on-site environmental programs.
- Harmony has participated in numerous conferences, workshops and projects organized by others on sustainable practices, corporate social responsibility, environmental ethics and leadership training.

Major Publications and Educational Resources

Action in the Community

- Green Cities: a Guide for Sustainable Community Development, 2005
- Community Action Workshop Manual, 2001
- Biodiversity: A Profile for Community Action, 2001
- Climate Change: A Profile for Community Action, 2001
- Troubled Waters: A Profile for Community Action, 2002
- Climate Change Community Action Workshop Manual, 2000
- Strengthening Our Communities: A Guidebook for Community Youth Programs, 1997
- Discovering Your Community: A Cooperative Process for Planning Sustainability/A la découverte de votre collectivité: un processus coopératif de planification de la pérennité, 1994
- Community Workshops for the Environment/Ateliers communautaires au sujet de l'environnement, rev. ed. 1991

Action in the Home

- Guide to Organic Gardening, 1998
- Robert Bateman's ecoTIPs, 1996
- Positive Action for the Environment *Video*, 1992
- Home & Family Guide: Practical Action for the Environment/ Guide pour la famille et la maison: la protection de l'environnement au quotidien, 1989

Action in the Workplace

- Workplace Guide: Practical Action for the Environment/ Guide pour le milieu de travail: vers la santé environnementale, 1992

Action in Schools

- Growing Up Green: An Overview of Environmental Education for Children, 1993
- Growing Up Green: Environmental Action Wheel/ La roue d'action <la croissance verte>, 1993

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