

DAILY SUMMARY: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

OPENING COMMENTS

Welcome from Elder Larry Grant

- Elder Larry welcomed conference attendees to Vancouver and on the ceded land of the Musqueam Nation. He shared stories of the nation's history and the legacy of their people.

Why a Focus on Cities?

- Urban Nation, 2008 by Alan Broadbent: At a time when more Canadians are living in cities, the governance & policy infrastructure of those cities needs to evolve because it has not kept pace with this reality
- By 2050, 66% of the global population will be living in cities
- Complexity: The scale and complexity of issues now being confronted by cities requires multi-sector collaboration

3 Essential "Soft" Skills of Successful Cities

- Citizen Empowerment
- Open and Experimental Collaboration
- Rewarding the Intangible – adopting a collective equity focus

Most movements are full of "hidden heroes"

- Successful movements have 3 key actors who have learned to work together: Agitators; Innovators & Orchestrators

KEYNOTE HIGHLIGHTS | JOHN HELLIWELL:

How Do We Measure Happiness?

- It's a subjective measure of how satisfied I am in the context of my "whole" life rather than reflecting an emotional reaction to a particular given moment
- A valuable/basic human characteristic is the ability/tendency to make the best of what you have in the moment.
- Development of Measure of Happiness is recognition that better measures are needed to assess human development than level of income or a country's economic development (GDP)

Assumptions about Happiness

- The trustworthiness of others is important to how you think and behave.
- People assumed that a dropped wallet with \$200 would be returned 1 out of 4 times. When this was actually done with 20 wallets in Toronto – 16 were returned. This demonstrates that people are most trustworthy than we think. But, people act on their perception (i.e. whether they THINK

the wallet will be returned) not from the reality (i.e. whether the wallet WAS returned) – The perception is reality.

- In the workplace, people will report being happier overall if they experience their superior as a partner rather than boss.

Six Factors for a Better Life

- Material Support (GPD per capita)
- Social Support (someone to count on)
- Healthy Life Expectancy
- Freedom (to make life choices)
- Generosity (giving, etc.)
- Trust (freedom from corruption, plus...)

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LEARNING WALL HIGHLIGHTS:

Collective Impact

- I am really interested in how to apply the framework of CI in small & very remote indigenous communities
- How do you work across multiple Collective Impact tables?
- How can I help my philanthropic organization develop into an organization that embraces & supports community change based on collective impact?

Community Engagement

- How/where do I find the groups & individuals committed to “advancing positive social change” in my community?
- How do I engage community providers in discussions around racial equity when they don’t see the importance or need to have that discussion?

Cities of the Future

- Moments of shared identity versus the practice of “othering” – Shared identify builds trust in most contexts

- What role does joy have in the “cities of the future”? How do we seed and cultivate it?
- How do we invest in a more impactful and sustainable way in our communities?

Leading Change

- How do we change the narrative about what “change” really means...or can mean?
- How will I be most impactful in the next iteration (5 years) of my professional practice?

Systems Change

- How do we cure ourselves from our addiction to linear thinking?
- With global uncertainty, how can we ensure collective practices that transcend political influences to make positive, sustainable future movement? People, planet and profit are equally important.
- How to create buy-in for systems change to organizations thinking at an organizational or programmatic level?

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS:

Jayne @JayneMyatt2 – "Happiness is not measured in the number of rooms you have but the number of neighbours you relate to. Dr. J. Helliwell #CCI2017

CAPRA @CAPoverty – #CCI2017 Urban Matters. How do socially innovative governments act differently?

Jorge Garza @jgarza321 #HeyNeighbour! A project to mitigate the impact of isolation by fostering connection and belonging in #Vancouver #CCI2017 @cities4people

Marilyn Hamilton @integralcity #CCI2017 Systems Thinking @Yassaman_Nouri exploring intractable probs by finding leverage points #ecointel