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ISLANDS  
ECONOMIC  
PARTNERSHIP**  
CULTIVATING RESILIENT  
PARTNERSHIPS

The Rural Islands Economic Partnership (RIEP) leads, inspires, and cultivates sustainable economic resilience and community well-being through collaborative initiatives and partnerships for the benefit of BC's rural islands and the Indigenous Communities who have traditional or reserve lands on these islands.



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Reflect  
...ACT!**

**RIEP** **2023 Forum**  
Gabriola Island  
April 25-27

Putting the pieces together  
for healthy island communities. [RIEPForum.ca](https://RIEPForum.ca)

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**2023 RIEP Forum**

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**Gabriola Island • The Haven Centre**

**Tuesday, April 25 - Thursday, April 27**

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The RIEP Forum is an opportunity for connection and collaboration to support the social, environmental and economic health of BC's rural island communities.

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For Healthy Communities Across BC's Rural Islands

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# The Un-Conference-Conference

## Speaker Spotlight

### Plenary Panel Leaders

**Michelle Laviolette - Vancity Indigenous Banking Director**

Working With Indigenous Businesses  
Through The Lens of Reconciliation

**Ben Geselbracht, Nanaimo City Councillor**

Economic Solutions For Mitigating Climate Change

**Laura Patrick, Islands Trustee, Housing Leader, Salt Spring Island**

Housing Lessons Learned - Rural Islands Perspective

**Eva Hage, BC Ferries Commissioner**

BC Ferries Accountability - Q & A

### Interactive Panels

The Path Towards Regenerative Tourism

Rural Islands Arts – Fostering Cultural & Economic Vitality

Future of Island Business: Trends, Needs, & Opportunities

### Showcases

Blue Economy: Sea Harvesting – The Sustainable Way

Islands Food Resilience – Grow Local!

Connected Coast – Bringing High-Speed Internet To The Islands

Circular Economy Success Stories

Social Enterprise Conversations

ICET Case Studies

Working With the Ministry-Jobs, Economic Development & Innovation

### **ACTION Labs – Leading to Action Plans!**

Rural Housing Policy – Now

Travel As A Force for Good

Circular Economy 'How To's

Climate Mitigation Practices – Islands Style

Shared Services: Building Local Economic Capacity

Arts Vitality – Sourcing Sustainable Resources

### **PLUS....'Unconference' Activities**

Live Music & Social Events

Weaving, Yoga , Nature Walks

Networking Connections with:

*Provincial, Federal Government Representatives, NGO and*

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