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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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...ACT!**

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

Putting the pieces together
for healthy island communities. 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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Putting The Pieces Together
For Healthy Communities Across BC's Rural Islands

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The Un-Conference-Conference Program Spotlight

KEYNOTE PLENARIES

Housing Lessons Learned From a Rural Islands Perspective

Laura Patrick, Islands Trust: MODERATOR

PANELISTS

Nancy Hetherington Peirce, Gabriola Housing Society

Simon Palmer, Denman Housing Association

Justine Starke, Southern Gulf Islands CRD

Dion Whyte, New Commons Development

Economic Solutions For Mitigating & Adapting To Climate Change

Julie Sperber, VIEA: MODERATOR

PANELISTS

David Adams, Thrive Bowen

Michelle Bonner, Vancity

Ann Eriksson, Author

Ben Geselbracht, City of Nanaimo

Fay Weller, Gabriola Island Futures

Bryan Young, Transition Salt Spring

Working With Indigenous Businesses Through The Lens Of Reconciliation

Michelle Laviolette, Vancity: MODERATOR

PANELISTS

Alison Evans, Gulf Island SeaPlanes

Adam Lewis, Artist Entrepreneur

Ivy Peers, Umista Cultural Centre

Chris Tait, Klahoose Wilderness Resort

BC Ferries Accountability

Q & A

BC Ferries Commissioner, Eva Hage

Mitch Miyagawa: MODERATOR

INTERACTIVE PROGRAM PANELS

Rural Islands Arts – Fostering Cultural & Economic Vitality

Myriam Verzat: MODERATOR

PANELISTS

Carol Fergusson, Gabriola Arts Council

Lisa Fleming, Ptarmigan Arts

Jami Scheffer, The Hearth—Arts On Bowen

Emma Walter, Hornby Arts Council

Yael Wand, Salt Spring Arts Council

The Path Towards Regenerative Tourism

Calum Matthews, 4VI: MODERATOR

PANELISTS

Jason Griffin, Tour Salt Spring

Jody Lorenz, Bowen Island Tourism

Jamie Sterling, Southern Gulf Islands Tourism Partnership

Chris Tait, Klahoose Wilderness Resort

Future of Island Business: Trends, Needs, & Opportunities

Sherese Johnson, RIEP - Rising Tide Business Services : MODERATOR

PANELISTS

Graham Bradley, Gabriola Chamber

JolyInn Green, Mid-Island Community Futures

Vaune Kolber, Bowen Island Municipality Community Ec Dev Committee

Scott Simpson, City West Communications

Thandi Williams, Pender Chamber

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 Considerations

ICET Case Studies Highlights

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 & Adaption Practices

Shared Services: Building Local

Economic Capacity

PLUS....'Unconference' Activities

Live Music & Social Events

Morning Movement Break, Nature Walks

Networking Connections with:

Provincial, Federal Government Representatives, NGO and
Community Leaders, Elected Officials, RIEP Board, Staff, and Members!

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on Gabriola Island April 25-27!

*We respectfully acknowledge that this event is being held on the
traditional and unceded territories of the Snuneymuxw First Nation.*

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Early Bird Rates End On April 20th!

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We respectfully acknowledge that this correspondence has been sent from the traditional unceded territory of the Tsawout First Nation and the Coast Salish Peoples.

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