

The First Annual Environmental Education Exchange Fair

A Proposal to the Friends of the Environment Community Fund

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Our Organization

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- 2) The New Brunswick Environmental Network (NBEN) is a communication network of 77 non-profit citizen environmental groups from across the province. Our mandate is to facilitate communication among these groups and between these groups and other sectors. We produce a newsletter and maintain an active web site. Recently we launched an on-line environmental magazine "Elements" (<http://elements.nb.ca>)
- 3) We have never before applied to Canada Trust for funding.

Our Project

- 1) Organization: Environmental Education Action Group of the New Brunswick Environmental Network
- 2) Contact: Mary Ann Coleman
- 3) The primary purpose the project is Education/Awareness.
- 4) The project will take place in Moncton at the Lion's Senior Citizen's Centre.
- 5) The event will occur on Saturday, April 25th from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- 6) Many of the member groups of the NBEN are involved in environmental education to the general public and an additional 15 member groups are affiliated with schools or universities in this province. These groups identified a serious gap in the availability of environmental education materials. The purpose of the Fair is to provide a venue for those producing environmental education materials to display their resources and for those using these materials to review them. Invitations to the Fair have been sent to all of the schools in the province, all of the environmental groups, municipal,

provincial and federal government departments, national parks and other environmental educators. Through this exposure of environmental educators to new sources of environmental education materials, there will be improved environmental education across the province in both schools and public education events. An added spin-off benefit will be the opportunity the Fair will provide for environmental educators to meet each other and initiate a communication network focussed on their concerns.

- 7) There are 5 volunteers on the organizing committee and a hundred or more volunteers involved in the actual Fair.
- 8) We will evaluate the success of the project by the number of displays, the number of participants, and through a participant evaluation of the value of the Fair.
- 9) A report of the Fair will be posted on the Internet and in our newsletter.
- 10) There are no controversial issues associated with this project.

11) **Project Budget**

Expenses		Revenue	
Translation	150	NB Environmental Network	688
Postage	300	Dept.of the Environment	2094
Telephone	140	Canadian Heritage	73
Fax	35	Friends of the Environment	450
Teleconference	100		
Photocopies	50	Total	3305
Printing	500		
Office Supplies	30		
Food	100		
Facilities	250		
Travel	100		
Staff Time	1550		
Total	3305		

As intensive preparation phases of the project are complete, funds from the Friends of the Environment Foundation will be used to cover the actual expenses of the event - facilities, food and travel costs.

- 12) Friends of the Environment Foundation will be recognized through a sign at the event and in the follow up reporting.
- 13) Yes, we are available to make a presentation to the Board.