



Innovate for Impact

IGNITE IDEAS, SPARK CHANGE, TRANSFORM THE KOOTENAYS.

You're a Kootenay entrepreneur or local non-profit leader with a vision for change — and you're ready to act.

Innovate for Impact is offering practical tools, expert guidance, and a collaborative community for social entrepreneurs and non-profits exploring social enterprise, right here in the Kootenays.

Whether you're exploring an idea or already running a purpose-driven organization, we're here to help you build a sustainable, revenue-generating social venture that strengthens local resilience and drives lasting social impact.



WHAT IS A SOCIAL ENTREPRENEUR?

It's someone who starts a business that's about more than just profits — it's about making a real difference. Whether tackling social issues, protecting the environment, or improving lives in their community, social entrepreneurs care deeply about using their ventures to create positive and meaningful impact.

WAYS WE'LL SUPPORT YOU

Incubation Program for Early-Stagers | Starting Fall 2025 and Fall 2026

Just starting out or exploring an idea? This 6-month program combines self-paced courses, expert coaching sessions, and a supportive cohort to help you confidently turn your vision into a real and impactful social venture. Come away with a validated business idea, sensible financial projections and a clear plan for measuring your social impact.

Incubation Program for Emerging Entrepreneurs | Starting Spring 2026 and Fall 2026

Already running a social enterprise and ready to grow? This dynamic 6-month program blends advanced self-paced courses, targeted coaching, and powerful peer collaboration to help you strengthen your social business model, explore new revenue opportunities, and scale your impact across the Kootenays.

Workshops | Bi-monthly, starting Fall 2025

Dive into engaging virtual workshops focused on practical tools like revenue models, storytelling, and impact strategy. A fantastic way to gain new insights, build your entrepreneurial toolkit, and connect with other Kootenay social entrepreneurs tackling similar community challenges.

Community of Practice | Quarterly, starting Winter 2026

Stay connected and inspired through our quarterly gatherings where community members share wins, openly ask questions, and learn from each other. It's a safe and energizing space to grow your network, build your confidence, and find diverse ideas celebrated!

Support from Post-Secondary Students | From Fall 2025

Need an extra pair of hands (and brains)? We match post-secondary students with Kootenay social enterprises to support real-world projects — giving you fresh insights and practical help. From business planning to marketing, they'll help move your ideas forward while gaining invaluable entrepreneurial experience.

WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING?

- **Youth Program:** Over 200 high school students will embark on an exciting journey to explore social entrepreneurship and tackle pressing local community issues.
- **Hackathon:** A regional, hands-on event designed to spark breakthrough community innovation and foster social impact solutions.
- **Annual Impact Summits:** Celebrate the incredible progress and share inspiring social impact stories from across the Kootenays.



JOIN OUR THRIVING COMMUNITY

We're building a vibrant movement for social enterprise in the Kootenays, and there's a place for you. Connect with us and grow your social impact alongside like-minded changemakers!

- **Email us:** robyn@cfek.ca
- **Check out our website:** www.cfek.ca/innovate-for-impact
- **Sign-up for regular updates** by scanning the QR code! 
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