

Mapping Social Capital in a Community Development Network

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Key Objectives

The purpose of this study is to identify and measure non-economic outcomes of the South West Centre for Entrepreneurial Development Inc. and its network of community partner organizations operating in and around Swift Current, Saskatchewan. The research will focus on:

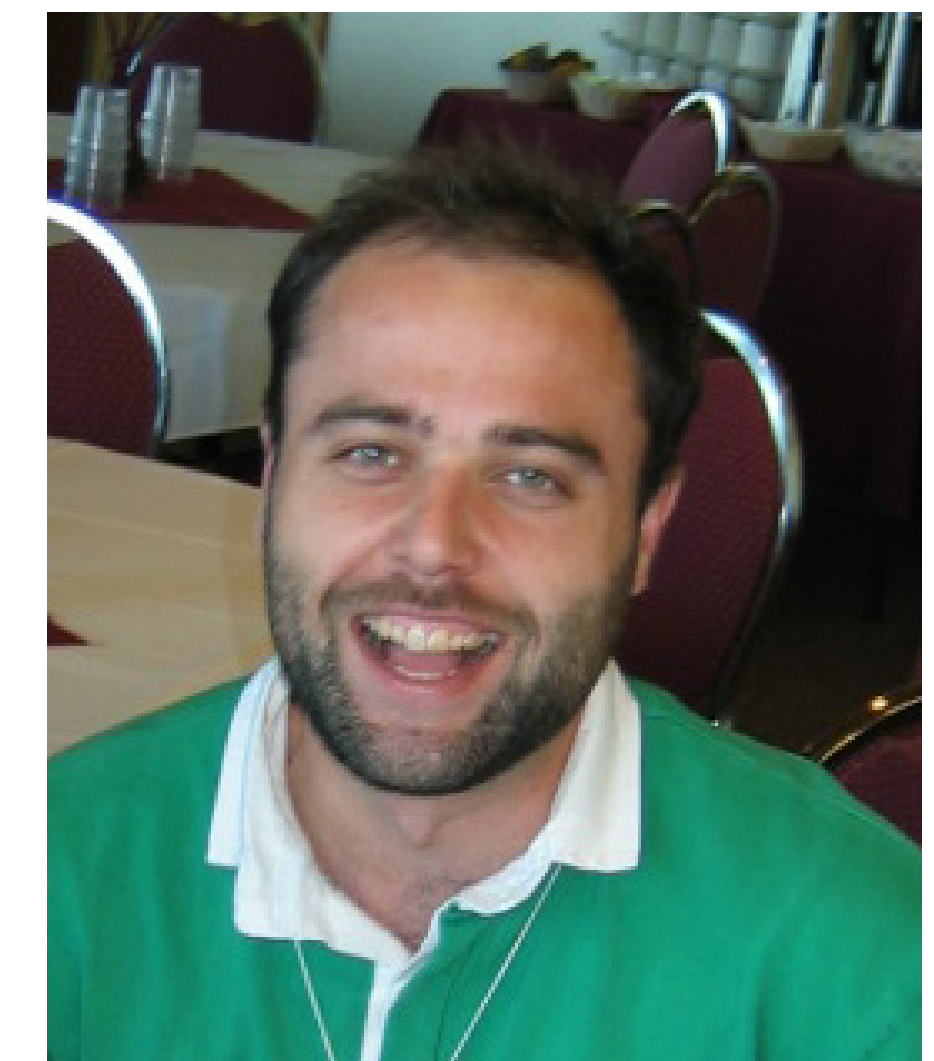
- assessing the current situation
- identifying which groups and organizations comprise the network
- how those groups and organizations work together
- how they characterize their relationships/linkages
- what projects/collaborations have flowed from the connections established at the Entrepreneurial Centre (EC)

This study will also endeavour to provide the foundation for further projects that will attempt to design and develop a social capital assessment tool that measures the non-economic contributions that the EC and its network organizations provide to the surrounding community.

The final report will detail the results compiled from conversational interviews undertaken in partnership with EC network members and stakeholders. As the network consists of agencies focussed on promoting community development, quality-of-life issues, job-creation, and providing essential services (medical, daycare, etc.), the objectives of the larger Social Economy project are entailed within this inquiry.

Community Partners: South West Centre for Entrepreneurial Development Inc.
Saskatchewan Economic Development Association

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