



Welcome to the second newsletter of the Council on the Future of Vermont!

The Council on the Future of Vermont invites the contributions of all Vermonters to build a statement of Vermont's vision, values and priorities in our time.

WORD FROM THE FIELD:

This is a place where we share stories as our Council members and listening teams travel around the state learning from you and your fellow Vermonters:

“There have been few listening sessions that the Council on the Future of Vermont has conducted that require translators; but on June 19th in Winooski, for the very first time, we had to have two translators in one session!

Burlington, and by extension Chittenden County, is Vermont's urban region and has many challenges, opportunities and trends facing it that do not affect our small towns and rural communities. To learn more about some of these situations, the Council on the Future of Vermont visited with the Association of Africans Living in Vermont (www.africansinvermont.org).

As we sat with immigrants from Somalia and Burundi, as well as Board Members of AALV, we learned about language barriers and how simply being able to speak well could assist willing immigrant workers to be self-sufficient in Vermont. And these new Vermont residents wanted the same things for their children that we've heard across the state; the opportunity to get a good job and a good education. The opportunity to hear from these newcomers to Vermont was very valuable for our Council on the Future process.”

Sarah Waring, Program Manager,CFV

NEWS AND EVENTS:

The Council on the Future of Vermont has successfully completed Community Forum visits to eleven of fourteen counties!

Here's where we've been: Randolph, Rutland, Bennington, St. Albans, Hyde Park, North Hero, Newport, Island Pond, St. Johnsbury, Middlebury and Burlington!!

Have you seen or heard about us?

Recently the CFV program has had excellent media coverage by some of Vermont's regional and local media sources:

- Burlington Free Press, June 20 and Commentary by Chris Graff June 16
- Milton Independent, June 13 Commentary by Steve Delaney
- Rutland Herald, June 2 by Kevin O'Connor
- Addison Independent, May 22 Commentary by Ken Perine
- VPR Vermont Edition, May 23
- Caledonia Record, May 8 Commentary by Laurie Zilbauer
- And more!!

And to find the recent press in your area, visit <http://futureofvermont.org/News>

The website now includes PodCasts of radio interviews that feature the Council on the Future of Vermont project as well. Visit online to listen!



Are you an artist, photographer, or writer?

The Council on the Future of Vermont is proud to announce our Special Contributions page online, where we encourage original artwork, writing, poetry and creative content!

What is your VISION for the future? Submit your work now!

Visit our page at <http://futureofvermont.org/>

QUOTES FROM YOU:

“Invest in locally generated and distributed energy and energy efficiency/conservation. Decentralize jobs; revitalize communities. Fully fund public transportation.”

“To provide the means for Vermont to become self-sufficient in as many areas as possible.”

“Biggest challenge is how to apportion taxes so that we can provide basic education and services for all Vermonterers.”

“Provide for growth and development that doesn’t change Vermont’s essential character.”

“Education, education, education. More than anything else, giving opportunities to our young is the best way to ensure a bright future.”

PROGRAM UPDATE:

Three County Forums to go!!

The CFV has traveled the state and coming close to the end of our ongoing listening sessions. If you are in central, eastern or southern VT and would like to contribute your vision to the dialogue, please join us on:

**July 10, Old Labor Hall, 46 Granite St. Barre
6pm to 8.30pm**

**July 31, VFW Post 2571, 97 South Main St,
White River Junction**

6pm to 8.30pm

**August 21, venue TBA, Brattleboro
6pm to 8.30pm**

Although our traveling listening sessions will be wrapping up, this is not the only way to add your vision to the ongoing dialogue. Our website hosts an interactive discussion and an online survey; visit

www.futureofvermont.org/

UVM Telephone Poll Results: The Center for Rural Studies at UVM has conducted a telephone poll for the Council on the Future of Vermont—keep an eye on **www.futureofvermont.org** for the summary results!

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