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Hello! It is with great excitement that we are sharing the first external newsletter from Inspiring Communities. While our work first began just over three years ago, only recently have we felt ready to share [our story](#).

In reflecting on our journey so far, I have marveled more than once at the unpredictable nature and speed of change along the way - which in many ways parallels what's happening in the world today. We are striving to create a space for Atlantic Canadians collaborating on pressing issues and working to create a better future for all. Community development and social justice values are deeply rooted in our regional culture, but are not always represented by dominant systems. It's time to strengthen the credibility and capacity of changemakers, the field of "systems change", and our collective ability to act.

Over the past six months, the Inspiring Communities board and staff have developed our [Theory of Change](#) to illustrate our work. Through nesting experimentation, evaluation and learning, we believe we can contribute to building the field in the region. Between now and June, we plan to share a series of newsletters explaining more about what we're already doing in each of these areas, and our plans for the future. The series will culminate in the release of our first Impact Report in June.

Much effort has gone into getting to this point and our journey will no doubt continue to adapt based on what emerges in our path. No matter what comes next, it feels important to start to share the work of those we are supporting as examples of what a better future could look like. **We can't wait to bring you along with us.**



Annika Voltan, Executive Director

Our Theory of Change | Read more about what our [Theory of Change](#) means, and keep your eyes open for our next video where our community teams will share what this support means for them and their communities.

Meet the Board

We're extremely fortunate to have such a spirited and supportive Board of Directors guiding us in our work.

Jill Provoe shares what this works means to her, "**The level of intentionality we are now seeing locally and nationally to shift attitudes and open the doors of opportunity for all is truly unprecedented. Inspiring Communities is a key player in supporting the development of vibrant communities with equity at the centre as we dismantle barriers to economic and social inclusion. This powerful vision keeps me motivated to constantly give my best as a board member!**"

[Find out more about our board](#)

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Between now and June, we're excited to be sharing our video series about our work in communities and the impact that support has around Atlantic Canada.

Don't miss out!

Stay connected to continue to hear about our work, and opportunities for learning and collaboration [by signing up to our newsletter series here](#).

If you'd like to get in touch about anything else, you can reach out to hello@inspiringcommunities.ca.

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