



Building Social Capacity through Vancouver's Neighbourhood Houses

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26th Anniversary Celebration



**GOOD
NEIGH
BOURS**

A W A R D S

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Riverside Banquet Hall - Grand Ballroom
1231 Burdette Street, Richmond, BC



Good Neighbour Awards

KITSILANO NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE



Good Neighbour Award

Alexander Bowie

Alex participates in several programs at Kitsilano Neighbourhood House including special events, senior's support, food security and operations. His leadership skills and compassionate nature are a great fit for the organization. He is a considerate and thoughtful listener with a very good understanding of diverse groups of people, always showing tact and professionalism in a variety of situations. His reliability and sensitivity are of great value when dealing with seniors and those with disabilities, always displaying patience and empathy. He communicates well and displays a good work ethic and is a valued member of the community of Kitsilano Neighbourhood House.

LITTLE MOUNTAIN NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE



Good Neighbour Award

Dang Bui

Dang is an outstanding member of the community contributing more than 15 years of volunteering and community service in the Little Mountain neighbourhood. Dang first came to the Neighbourhood House as a new immigrant looking for help. Participating in our programs, she then decided to become involved as a volunteer and she has never looked back. The Little Mountain community is been enriched by the volunteer work of Dang over the many years and we thank her for her contributions to our neighbourhood.

Recognition of Members

- Recognition as 'Best Practice'
- Recognition for building the collective
 - The importance of established organizations
- Recognition as communication with members

Recognition of Members

- Formal recognition in the form of awards sets the boundaries on involvement that is worthy of award and status in the organization
- NHs, through processes like giving awards, guide motivations

Decline of the Good Neighbour

- Robert Wuthnow and the Good Neighbour
 - “neighbours who invited children in for cookies or were there when emergency help was needed”
 - “they were valued for their familiarity, their predictability, perhaps even more than their dependability.”
- Decline of long term community commitments

Part Three: Relationships with neighbours polite but indifferent, survey finds (with video)

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Photograph by: Ian Lindsay, PNG

No one would ever accuse West End apartment dweller Iris Dias of being neighbourly.

"It already feels like I've lost a piece of privacy living in an apartment," said Dias, 31, a public relations professional who describes herself as a "really private person."

"So to give up more of that and get to know my neighbours ... really feels a little bit too invasive for me," she explained. "Also I never have sugar and I don't want them coming over and asking for sugar."

The Good Neighbour

- Time involved with the House
 - Average of 10.5 years
 - 25% involved for 17 years or more
 - N = 64
 - “[He] and his family have been active members in the MPNH since moving here.”
 - “his involvement began before he was actually born. His mother attended ESL classes...”

The Good Neighbour

- Being a good neighbour
 - “[She] began volunteering...within the Children’s Breakfast Program doing kitchen work. Since that time she’s volunteered doing ‘whatever was needed’ including providing support to an immigrant women’s program, the mom and tot drop in, garage sales, and within the kitchen.”
 - “He has volunteered at CNH since 1992, assisting in many different programs, as well as the reception area and in the kitchen. [He] is known and loved by staff, volunteers, and program participants, and is extremely knowledgeable about events and activities.”

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- Cooperative interdependence
 - Plug-in Participation
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Styles of Engagement

- Plug-in
 - “For the past five years, [she] has been a very reliable office assistant volunteering every Friday afternoon... She is reliable and hardworking and dedicated to making our community a better place to live.”

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Styles of Engagement

- Creative/Collaborative
- “In 1997, she recognized a need for child minding and initiated what is now the Child Minding Program at KNH... More recently she was involved with raising money for the Family Camp through a community garage sale.”
- “For the past 8 years, she has coordinated a weekly South Asian Seniors Wellness Program at the House, as well as a Family Fun Night and a Meditation & Laughter Yoga Workshop.”

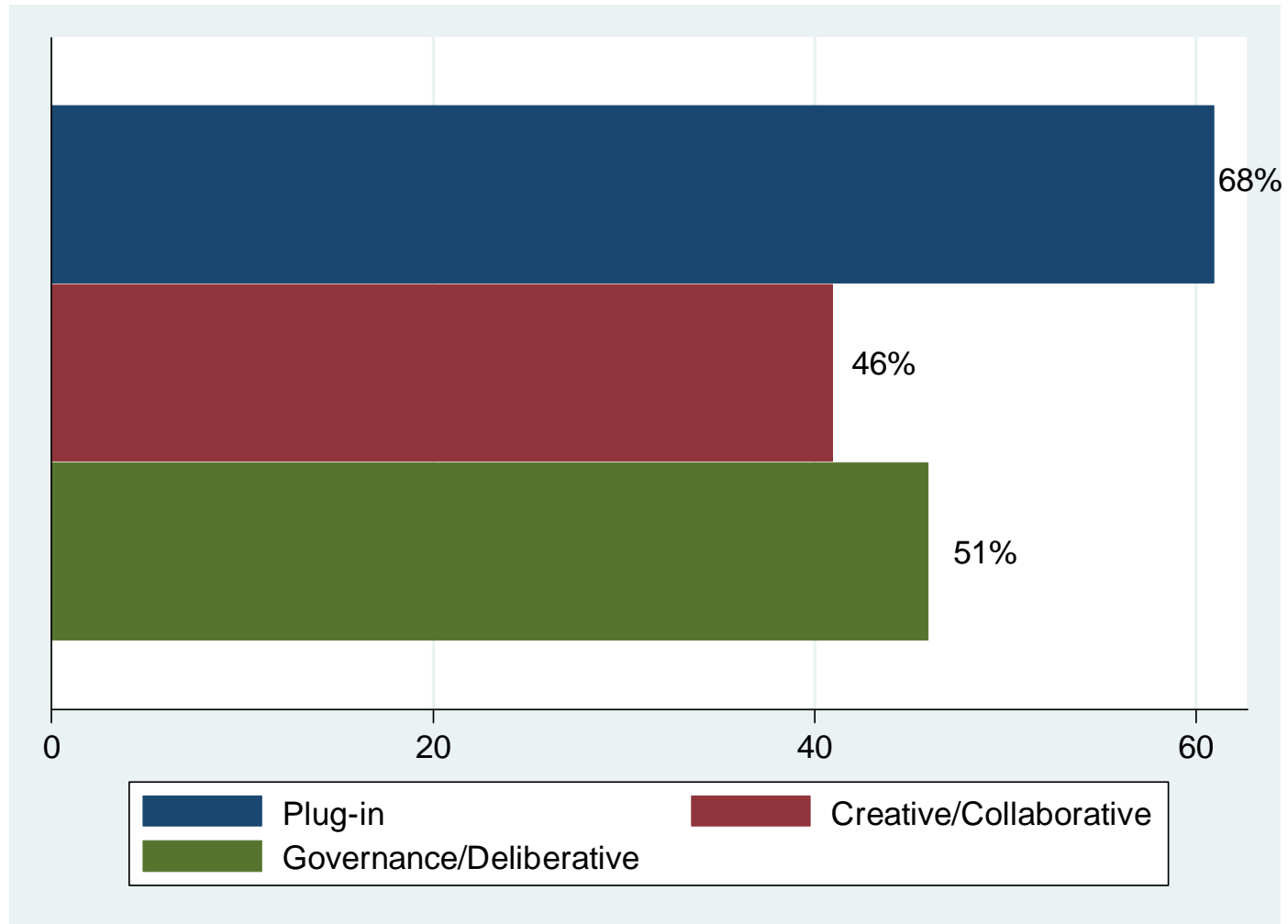
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 - **Governance/Deliberative Participation**
 - Emphasis on discussion, representing constituents, setting direction, and mission

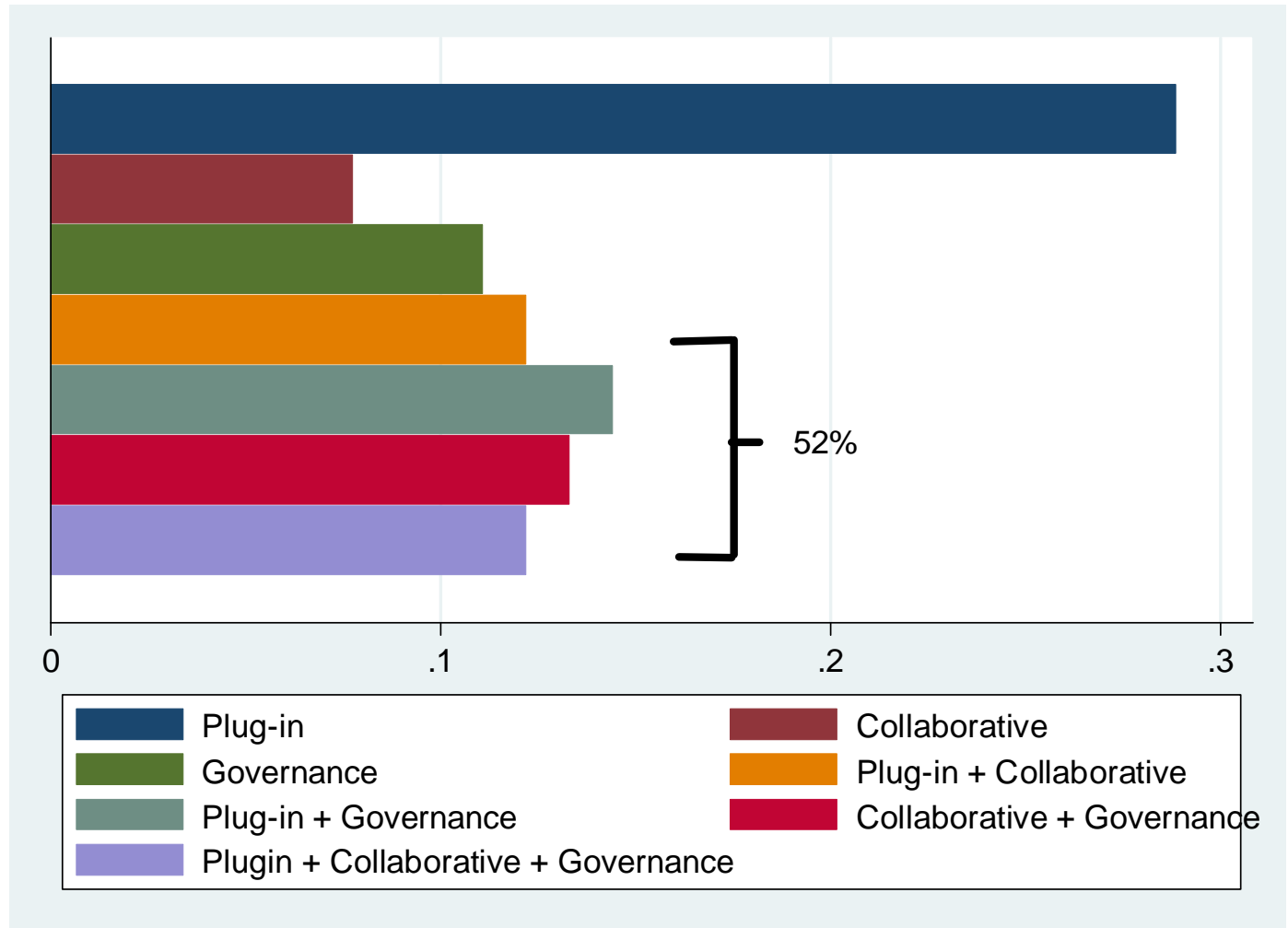
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- **Governance/Deliberative**
- “[She] joined the Community Board advocating for the principles she felt made Sasamat a great place... helped guide the Association through a time of significant constitutional change; a task that saw many a heated argument.”
- “Her volunteer activities include contributing articles on seniors’ issues to the day center’s newsletter, being the seniors’ representative on the board, and chair of the Seniors’ Activity Coordinating committee.”

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- Combining styles of participation
 - From plug-in to collaboration or governance
 - “She began volunteering while still at school and continues to do so today... She is an active member of the Board of Management and dedicated to...the fundraising committee”

Styles of Engagement

- Combining styles of participation
 - Good leaders also plug-in
 - “If you want to find [him], all you need to do is get up early on any Saturday morning and come to our kitchen where he will be preparing and serving breakfast for our Breakfast and Shower program.”

Recognizing Involvement

- Awards recognize types of involvement as worthy of recognition
- Offer a counter to the individualization narrative of modern society
- Promotes engagement that develops complexity of civic skills and equivalency of engagement styles

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