

GLOBAL LEARNING FORUM 2015



BACKGROUND

In May of 2015, Renewable Cities, a program of the SFU Centre for Dialogue, officially launched at Global Learning Forum 2015 in Vancouver, British Columbia. Over 300 leaders—from Calgary to Copenhagen, from Boulder to Berlin—came together to discuss the implementation of ambitious renewable energy targets in cities.

Through highly participatory sessions and multisectoral dialogue, the event galvanized a community of practitioners on cutting edge urban energy issues. The Forum inspired urban leadership towards renewable energy, and—most importantly—demonstrated that the transition to 100% renewable energy (RE) in cities is not only possible, but that it is underway.

WHO CAME TO GLOBAL LEARNING FORUM 2015?

Most Common Job Titles

- Managers (energy, engineering, sustainability, infrastructure, environment, etc.)
- Directors
- City Councillors and Mayors
- Principals and Founders
- Professors and Researchers
- Planner and Engineers
- Executive Directors
- Presidents and/or CEOs
- Vice Presidents

Top Sectors Represented



- 24% Municipal or regional government (staff)
- 19% Private sector
- 19% NGO/City network
- 10% University
- 9% Municipal or regional government (elected official)
- 5% National government (staff)

WHERE DID PARTICIPANTS COME FROM?

Cities with multiple participants included Berlin, Boulder, Calgary, Copenhagen, Durban, Hamburg, London, Melbourne, New York City, Ottawa, Seattle, Toronto, Vancouver, Washington DC, Yokohama, and numerous Canadian municipalities.

WHAT DID PARTICIPANTS SAY ABOUT GLOBAL LEARNING FORUM 2015?

“Best conference I’ve ever attended”

“It brought business and local government together on urban energy more so than I have ever experienced before.”

“I have never participated in a conference as focused and results-oriented as the Renewable Cities Forum.”

“Catalytic for the Directors who attended.”

“Very engaging event, I’m planning on lots of concrete follow-ups”

For more information on Global Learning Forum 2015, visit <http://www.renewablecities.ca/dialogues-projects/global-learning-forum>

