

BR+E Update – Volunteer Training #1

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Six community leaders met at the Thamesford Library on Thursday, October 5, to prepare for the community's economic future. These community leaders have all volunteered their time to become Volunteer Visitors for the BR+E project.

The night's session was led by Carla Garrett, the BR+E Project Assistant and Volunteer Coordinator, Karen Nelson Hamilton, the BR+E Coordinator, and Shawna Stonehouse, a trained BR+E Ontario Consultant from OMAFRA. .

“Existing businesses are the best sources of growth. We want to find out how we can help them grow in our community. We have an excellent team in place to work on this and expect excellent results,” said Karen Nelson Hamilton, Coordinator of the local project.

The Volunteer Visitors, along with staff, will be visiting over 200 businesses between October and January. During each visit, the volunteers will use a survey to gather information about each business. The training session was held to help prepare the volunteers for their interviews.

During the training, volunteers viewed a BR+E video and had a chance to look over the survey and practice on each other.

Carla Garrett emphasized that the information gathered through the surveys would be strictly confidential.

“The volunteers that attended the training session on Oct.5 were very enthusiastic about the project and look forward to contributing. I am looking forward to the next training session on Oct.27, and hoping to see another enthusiastic group of people”, Garrett said.

The next training session will be held on Thursday, October 7th from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Tavistock Library. Please contact Carla Garrett at cgarrett@zorra.on.ca for more information or to sign up for the training.

