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A Message from CDS Chair, Mary Emery

I don't know about you but in this 'don't have a minute between meetings collision of zoom world and back to normal', it seems there is never enough time – enough time to be thorough, enough time to be considerate, enough time to rest and so much more. In these really challenging times, I am grateful for both my colleagues in community development who remind me to just take time and for the wonderful learning opportunities that help me understand how valuable stopping to just pause and reflect is for both my sanity and for my work.... [\[Read more.\]](#)



Inside this issue, you will find an invitation to a special CDS Board Meeting next Monday, a call for Programs working group volunteers, a write-up on CDS Forums, an invitation to WCDC2023 "From the Edge," and an article of CDS Chair Mary Emery's reflections on the CDS 2022 Virtual Conference. To view full length articles, please visit [CDS News](#).

CDS Staffing for 2023

The CDS Board is gathering for a special meeting to discuss staffing for 2023. We will be considering the roles and responsibilities as well as our financial capacity over the next few years to discern whether we want to continue with part time administrator and heavy volunteer investment or invest in an executive director to implement some of your amazing ideas for ways to build and diversity our Membership. All Members are welcome to join.

Monday October 24th, 12noon-1 PM Eastern (US & Canada)

<https://cdsociety.org/register-for-october-24-special-board-meeting/>

Programs Working Groups Need Volunteers

Greetings Members! CDS is a membership organization, and its Board directors and officers serve as volunteers. This is why Member engagement in our committees and working groups is **mission critical**. CDS Programs include:

- Awards and Recognition (2 Members)
- Scholarships (0 Members)

While many of us are stretched in our work, family, and community lives, if we don't make time to sustain our professional associations, they cannot thrive, or even survive. Please consider CDS's many opportunities for involvement and mutual aid. We especially need support for the working groups with few or no Members involved. Many thanks for your kind consideration--it does take a village!

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CDS Forums

As CDS Administrator, I am often sent very interesting and exciting opportunities from our Members to engage in learning and networking. Indeed, CDS is made up of a rich network of practitioners, activists, and academics who are involved in amazing projects. However, because we intend to keep the Vanguard short and sweet, I simply can't share them all! So, we have a new space for Members to share! Under [CDS Forums](#), you will find "Network Opportunities" already populated with [an exciting opportunity from Ripple Effects Mapping](#).



IACD partners with several organizations to convene the WCDC2023 "From the Edge" in Darwin, Australia. [Visit their website for more information](#). The call for participation is open through the end of November. Who will we see there?

Mary's 11 Takeaways from the 2022 CDS Virtual Conference

As I reviewed my notes from our FY 22 conference, I pulled out a few thoughts as to how the field is changing and how we can do more and better... [Read them on CDS News](#).

As you think back on our discussions, please consider how you might dedicate a small portion of your time and energy to address these issues we all care so much about. We need your help with our committee work, and we welcome your thoughts on planning ahead to do more and better in the future.

Ready to Volunteer?

Many thanks to all Members who have volunteered to join Committees and Working Groups! The health of our Society rests on a continuous flow of new leaders. If you haven't

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