



Memorial University's

HARRIS CENTRE

Integrity. Independence. Relevance





## **OUR MISSION**

The Mission of the Harris Centre is to encourage informed public policy and regional development in Newfoundland and Labrador by supporting communication and collaboration between Memorial University and the people of this province.

## **OUR VISION**

The Harris Centre's vision for Newfoundland and Labrador is of a vibrant democracy with informed citizens actively engaged in realizing a prosperous and sustainable society which values individual and collective responsibility for decision-making and development, true to our unique culture and identity.

## **OUR MANDATE**

The Harris Centre mandate is to co-ordinate and facilitate Memorial University's activities relating to regional policy and development, and advise on building the University's capacity and identify priority themes and projects relating to teaching, research and outreach.

# What We Do:

Bring Regions &  
Communities  
Together

Mobilize  
Knowledge

Fund Research  
Related to  
Issues in NL



CONNECT  
UNIVERSITY &  
COMMUNITY

Facilitate Informed  
Public Dialogue

Help Ideas  
Become Solutions


Analyze  
Local Data for  
Local Issues


Broker  
Partnerships



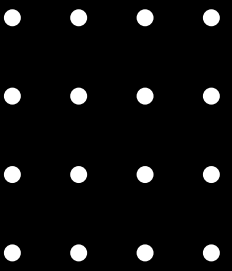
# THRIVING REGIONS PARTNERSHIP PROCESS

A four-workshop process:

1. Bringing regions together
  2. Co-designing research projects
  3. Building capacity
  4. Planning for continued action
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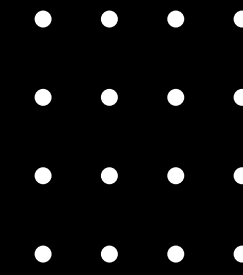
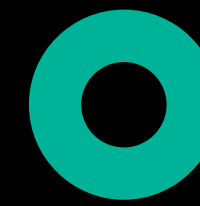


GREAT NORTHERN PENINSULA  
BAIE VERTE PENINSULA  
SOUTHWEST COAST  
BACCALIEU TRAIL  
BURIN PENINSULA  
HUMBER VALLEY





# THRIVING REGIONS RESEARCH PROJECTS



**“Grenfell's Gardens: Researching, Restoring and Re-telling the Story”** (*Greg Wood, Faculty of Education, Grenfell Campus*)

**Protecting Atlantic Salmon Aquaculture Production from Climate-Related Challenges Through Diet Manipulation.”** (*Eric Ignatz, Department of Ocean Sciences, Faculty of Science*)

**“Traditional Knowledge Inventory of the Baccalieu Trail: Mobilizing Intangible Cultural Heritage”** (*Dale Jarvis, Department of Folklore and Heritage NL, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences*)

**“Lights... Camera... Grow! Documenting a Teaching Farm in Southwest Newfoundland”** (*Dr. Paul De Decker, Department of Linguistics, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences*)

**“Assessing Potential for Land-Based Production of Green Sea Urchin Roe on the Baie Verte Peninsula”** (*Dr. Patrick Gagnon, Associate Professor in the Department of Ocean Sciences, Faculty of Science*)

**“Celebrating the Mining History of the Baie Verte Peninsula: A potential tourism mecca”** (*Dr. Derek Wilton, Professor in the Department of Earth Sciences, Faculty of Science*)





# ADDITIONAL APPLIED RESEARCH FUNDING

## WEST WHITE ROSE EMPLOYMENT DIVERSITY FUND

Funds research projects related to under-represented groups in the natural resources sector in NL. Funds up to \$20,000/project

## MMSB WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND

Awarded \$15,000 in 2018 to 3 different projects for a total of \$45,00. A total of 29 projects funded (~\$400k) since 2011.





# PUBLIC POLICY FORUMS

- Online (and in-person when possible)
- Province-wide (& beyond)
- Conversational and accessible
- Broad reach recorded sessions







# PUBLIC POLICY FORUMS FORECAST NL

Examining the impacts of Climate Change on the Economy, Society and Environment of Newfoundland and Labrador

- Panel discussions with local experts
- Citizen engagement platform
- Relevant, local information



**NEXT SESSION APRIL 5**  
**IMPACTS ON COMMUNITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE**



# VITAL SIGNS

- Easy-to-read statistics and stories on quality of life in our province, combining statistical data and written articles about significant initiatives happening in NL.
- In partnership with the Community Foundation of NL
- Reach: Over 100,000NLers; in every newspaper across the province (Saltwire Network); provides for extensive media coverage.



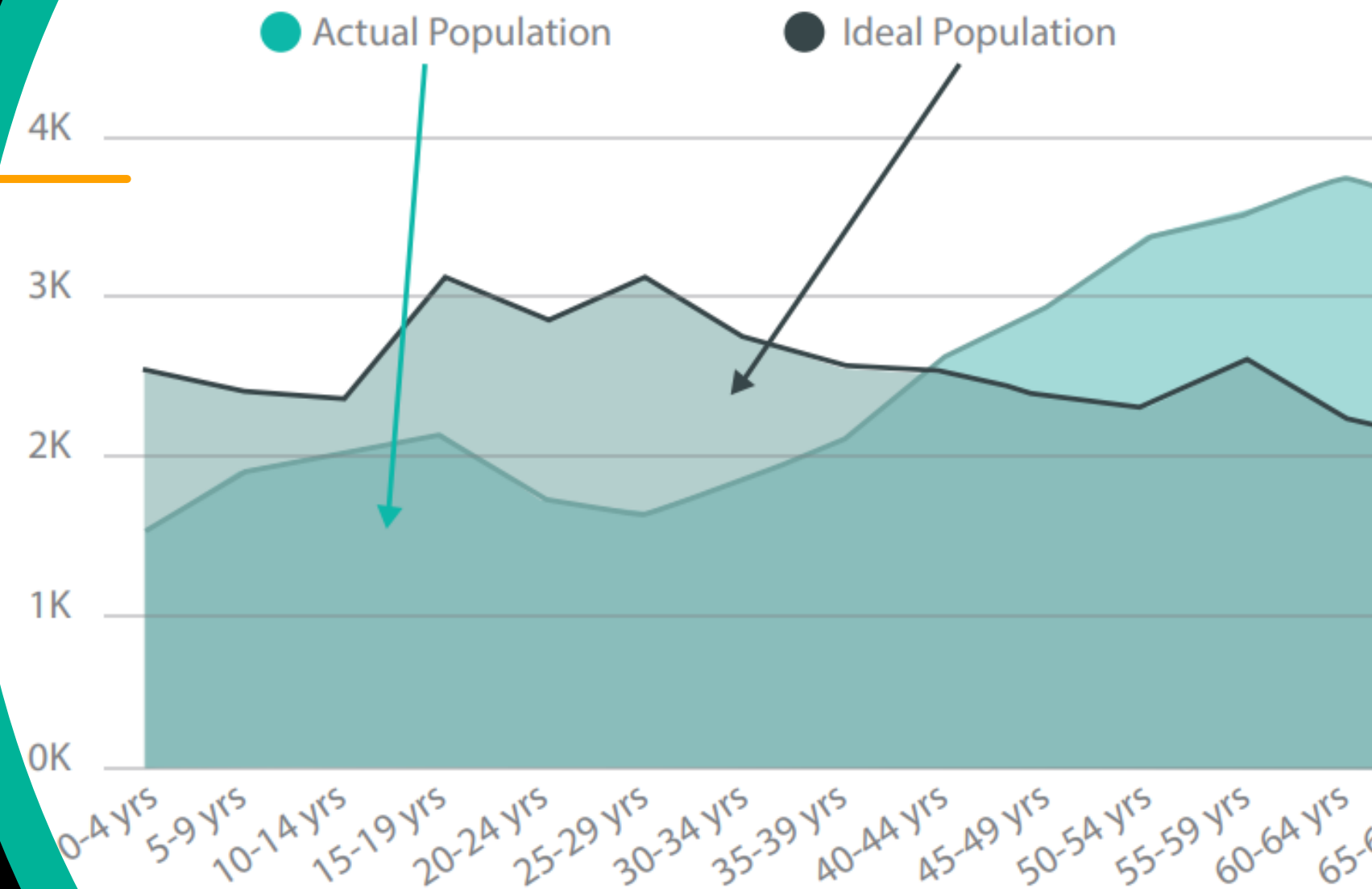


# REGIONAL ANALYTICS LABRATORY RANLAB

- Regional economic & spatial analytics
- Quantitative analysis of capacity & sustainability of industries, labour markets, & population
- Analysis and evidence to inform policy and decision making

population  
migration of  
– this has  
impacts on not only  
growth and the labour  
of life. The good news is, the  
Trinity Conception region is not  
amongst the hardest hit regions,  
with a 1.9% overall population  
decline (between 2011 and 2016)

ACTUAL POPULATION VS IDEAL POPULATION GROWTH



Grey area of the graph shows the ideal population composition to ensure an adequate labour force. To sustain the current population and slightly grow in the region there is shortfall of 4000 people.

PERCENT CHANGE BY  
2011 - 2016



REGIONAL ANALYTICS LABRATORY

# RANLAB

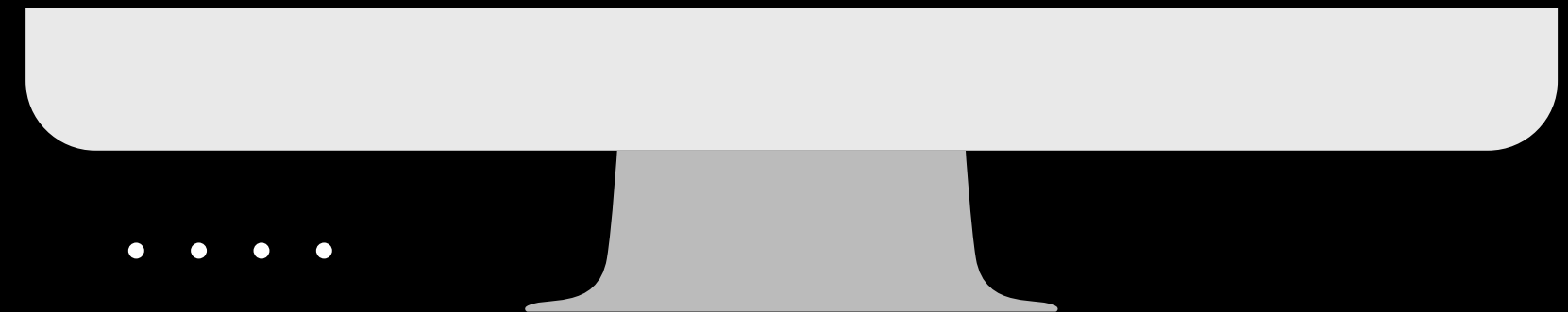
## DATA TO DECISIONS

Data to Decisions is a series which aims to provide a practical guide for people looking to incorporate more data into their everyday decision-making.

**NEXT SESSION APRIL 6**  
*MAKING SENSE OF THE CENSUS*

### DATA TO DECISIONS: **Data by Geographical Areas**

Written by Meghan Eibner and Jamie Ward





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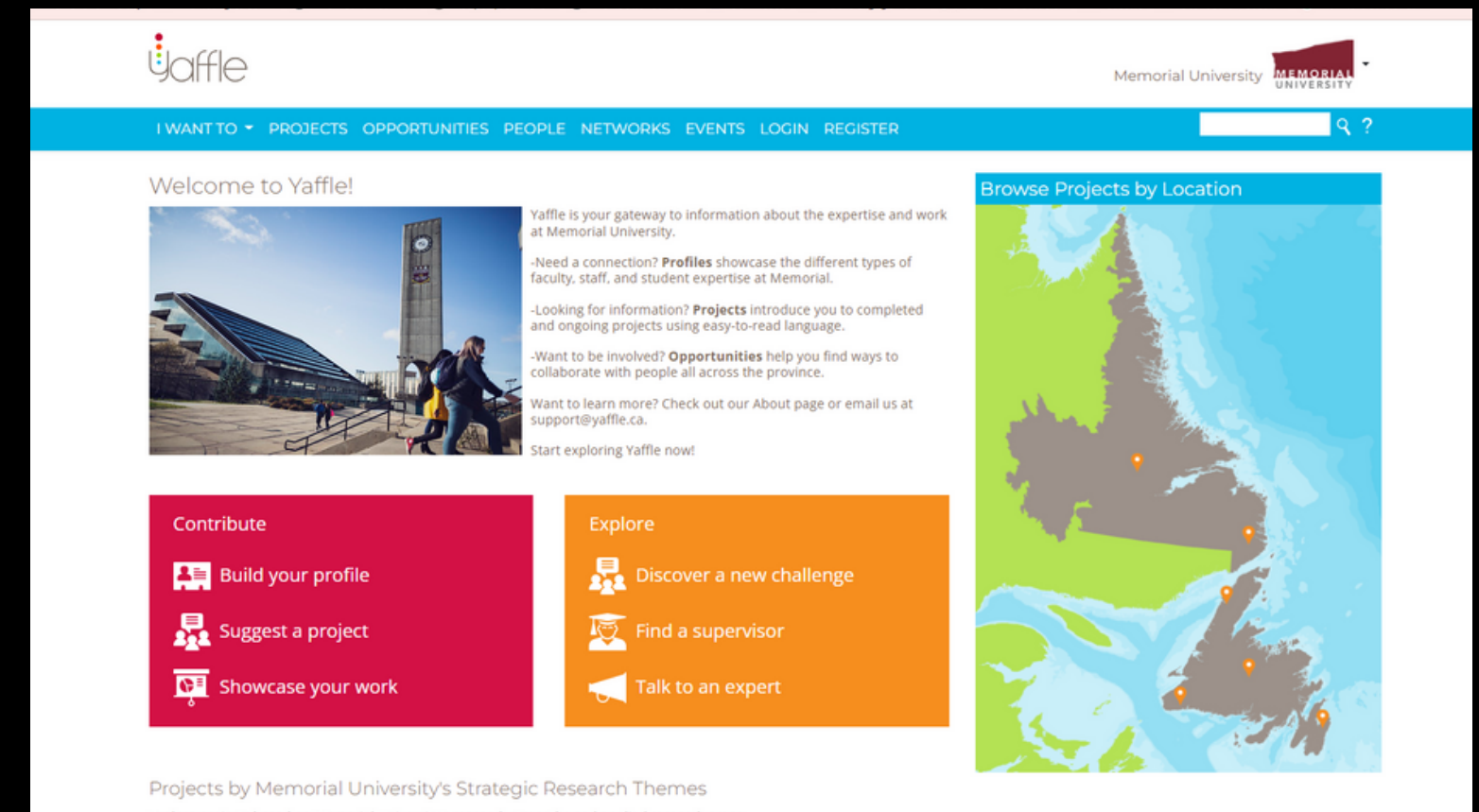
1. An armful (of dried and salted cod-fish, kindling, etc).
2. Online gateway to information about the expertise and work at Memorial University.

**See also:**

Connection (Profiles to showcase the different types of faculty, staff, and student expertise at Memorial.)

Information (Projects introduce you to completed and ongoing projects using easy-to-read language.)

Engagement (Opportunities help you find ways to collaborate with people all across the province.)







# GLOBAL ARCTIC LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE

- Memorial as key Canadian partner university in UArctic
- Global Affairs Canada funding in partnership with Yukon University
- Build capacity for research and engagement activities related to the Arctic
- Significant funding opportunities for researchers across Canada under Memorial/Harris Centre

INDIGENOUS AND NORTHERN  
COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH  
AND EDUCATION  
ENGAGEMENT FUND

INDIGENOUS AND NORTHERN  
RELATIONSHIP DEVELOPMENT  
FUND






# MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY HUBS



Community Hubs are a new initiative of Memorial University, connecting the university with communities, fostering collaboration, and increasing capacity.



**OBJECTIVE:** Collaborate with groups & organizations  
Utilize existing space (with access to internet)  
Make space available for residents, students, etc.

## FOR THINGS LIKE

Meetings & Collaboration	Alumni Events
Access to Courses	Community Gatherings
Quiet Study Space	Community Engagement
Community-based Research Projects	



**RFP NOW OPEN**







# PROPOSED GOALS 5-YEAR PLAN

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## SERVE AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN MEMORIAL & PROVINCE

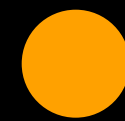
Build capacity for Memorial to connect with communities, and for communities to connect with Memorial.

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## TRUSTED SOURCE OF INFORMATION, ANALYSIS & CONVENING

Be a trusted source of information, analysis and facilitation for regional policy and development



## MAINTAIN HIGH PERFORMANCE OPERATIONS

Continue to look for ways to maintain high performance operations.



# QUESTIONS? SUGGESTIONS? IDEAS?



## SEED

What do you think we should start doing that we're not currently doing?



## FEED

What are we doing that's working?  
What's working, but you'd like to see more of?



## WEED

What should we stop doing?

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