

MEMORIAL PRESENTS

Rural: Is It Worth Saving?

Rural areas throughout the developed world are experiencing a crisis, and Newfoundland and Labrador is no different: loss of services, youth out-migration, economic collapse, environmental challenges, struggles in governance and a culture of poverty. The crisis of rural communities is not simply an economic or structural crisis, but also a social and cultural one. Can rural Newfoundland and Labrador be saved?

Dr. Ivan Emke, associate professor and program chair of Social/Cultural Studies, Sir Wilfred Grenfell College, will outline some ways in which we can think more broadly and holistically about the nature of rural areas in a modern, globalizing era.

He will be accompanied by an expert panel composed of:

Bern Bromley, member of the Fish Processing Licensing Board, St. Anthony;

Sheila King, economic development officer with the Burnt Islands Economic Development Corporation; and

Johnny MacPherson, executive director of the Long Range Regional Economic Development Board (Zone 9).

HAVE YOUR SAY

Participate in a dialogue and contribute your views on whether rural areas are worth saving and, if so, how to go about it. Challenge the panel in the question-and-answer period with your own ideas about the viability of rural areas.

Wednesday, May 3, 2006 7:30 pm

Room AS328

Sir Wilfred Grenfell College

Free parking

Reception to follow



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