BETTER TOGETHER COALITION



In Kootenai County, we look out for our neighbors.

WE SHOW UP FOR EACH OTHER. WE LEND A HAND. WE CARE.

The Better Together Coalition is uniting people from across the community to build on something we already know how to do: live together, gather together and stand together.

We're all part of this movement.
We're all better together.

We live together.

Better Together has been looking closely at our region's history, recent events, rapid growth and the stories shaping how we are understood. The coalition has been hosting community roundtables to hear from people about what they are experiencing and what they want for the future.

THIS IS WHAT WE'VE HEARD.

People care about this place.

People described beauty, generosity, strong community organizations and a culture of showing up for one another.

Our past still matters.

This region has a history of standing together against organized hate. Recent events have made it harder to treat this as a closed chapter.

We can find common ground.

Neighbors with meaningful differences have been sitting together, listening and finding shared concerns without agreeing on everything.

Some feel welcome. Some don't.

Many people feel safe and at home here. Others described having to think more carefully about where they go and what they do.

Growth is changing the community.

People are thinking about affordability, changing neighborhoods, who gets to stay and who is moving here.

People want to make things better.

We want what's best for our community, and it can be hard to know where to begin and whether others will stand with you.

We see an opportunity to continue this work, strengthen our relationships and create shared expectations we can work toward together.



There's room for our differences. **You belong here.**

We *gather* together.

Our region was built on the traditions of Tribes and Indigenous people, who gathered on this land long before our cities took shape. Better Together is inspired by that history. We are once again creating opportunities for people to spend time together, meet, talk, listen, share ideas and build relationships across differences.

TOGETHER, WE ENVISION:

Meaningful ways for people to participate.

Stronger relationships among community leaders.

Opportunities to connect.

A welcoming community for everyone.

We have worked hard to make this region a place for all. We're speaking up, having hard conversations and taking action. And we're doing it together.



When we show up for each other, **we make Kootenai County better.**

We *stand* together.

Better Together is a long-term community effort, not a one-off campaign. We have been listening, learning and bringing people together. We are building on that foundation and creating more ways for people and organizations to take part.

OVER TIME, WE ENVISION MORE:

People connected across differences.

More opportunities to meet, listen, share ideas and find common ground.

Ways to get involved.

Simple, practical opportunities for people to start small, contribute what they can and become part of something bigger.

Leaders ready to act together.

Stronger relationships across business, faith, Tribal, civic, education and other parts of the community.

People feeling welcome here.

A community where people can work, play, learn, worship and spend time together, even when we don't do it in quite the same way.

There is a place for you to participate, partner or invest.

LEARN. SHARE. GIVE. GET INVOLVED.

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