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You're right. There is a better way.

Co-op Development Training Program Starting September, 2011

Co-op development is a challenging process that requires a diverse array of skills. Becoming an effective co-op developer requires not just knowledge and creativity, but most of all practice working with many different types of co-ops. CoopZone is offering two levels of training: a **Foundation Program** and an **Advanced Program**.

Apply Now!



Who are we?

The CoopZone Developers' Network Co-operative is a network of people and organizations that help to start, develop and support co-operatives.

Our Vision

To enhance the quality of life in Canada by promoting and supporting the growth and development of co-operatives, through mobilizing co-operative developers committed to the vision and objectives of the co-operative movement.

For More Information

To learn more about this course, please go to: www.coopzone.coop or write to Peter Hough at: training@coopzone.coop.

The Co-operative Development Training Program

FOUNDATION PROGRAM

This one-year program will provide you with basic skills and information to provide initial development, facilitation and project management services to new, existing and expanding co-operatives. It is expected, by the end of the program, that participants will be able to carry out a credible pre-feasibility analysis of a potential co-operative. The program will also connect participants to the networks and resources that a group requires to successfully complete the entire co-op development process.

This program is designed for individuals who are in the position of advising people who are interested in exploring the creation of a co-operative enterprise.

ADVANCED PROGRAM

This two-year program will provide you with advanced skills and information to provide development, facilitation and project management services to new, existing and expanding co-operatives. It is expected, by the end of the intermediate program, that participants will be able to provide total development services to a co-operative.

The program will also connect participants with other colleagues working in the field as well as those working with specific co-op sectors.

This program is designed for people who are interested in working with developing and existing co-operatives.

Benefits of the Program

- On-line distance education program in a collaborative team environment.
- Participate in discussions on-line, group conference calls and webinars.
- Incorporate the courses into your existing career.
- Learn about co-operatives and the development process within your own context.
- Network with other practitioners.
- Have the benefit of an experienced mentor.

The courses are designed by some of Canada's most experienced co-op developers in order to share the skills, knowledge and experience required to assist with the full co-op development process from start-up, as well as to provide ongoing assistance to existing co-operatives.

The Co-operative Advantage

Co-operatives and credit unions are community-based organizations that care about the financial "bottom lines" of their businesses, but also about the well-being of their members and the quality of life in their communities. They bring many obvious benefits to their members such as sharing costs or financial dividends. But the process of being an active member brings other rewards, such as allowing member-owners to solidify social and economic links in the community. Membership also provides a common ground, and supports, to reduce isolation and build skills.

- Purpose is to meet the common needs of their members.
- Use a system of one-member/one-vote.
- Share profits among their member-owners on the basis of how much they use the organization.

Starting Date & Deadline

Foundation Program

- Two-Course Program (1 year)
 - First course: Week of Sept. 12 – Dec. 22, 2011
 - Second course: Week of Jan. 9 - April 30, 2012

Advanced Program

- Four-Course Program (2 years)
- First year:
 - First course: Week of Sept. 12 – Dec. 22, 2011
 - Second course: Week of Jan. 9 – April 30, 2012
- Second year: 2012 - 2013

Application deadline: Aug. 19, 2011

Tuition

- Tuition is \$1,450 per course in each Program, or a total of \$2,900 per year. (As a reminder, the Foundation Program lasts for one year, and the Advanced Program lasts for two years.) This includes written resource materials worth approximately \$150.
- For those who find this financially prohibitive, some bursaries are available.

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