



Downtown Vancouver: Vancouver Public Library, and YWCA Hotel

Draft Program

Wednesday, November 2th

Pre-Conference, Optional events

2 pm – 6 pm: Tours (TBC): Vancouver Convention Centre (LEED Certification done by SSG Worker Co-op), Woodshop Workers' Co-op, etc.; using bike-share bikes or city bus, possibly with a scavenger hunt element.

Evening: We'll suggest restaurants for dinner – not included in registration.

Thursday's sessions take place at the Vancouver Public Library Square Conference Centre, 350 West Georgia, Alma VanDusen and Peter Kaye Rooms

Thursday, November 3rd

8:00 am	Breakfast – not included in registration
A:	
9 – 9:15 am	Welcome – by CWCF President Alain Bridault, CoopZone, and Patrice Pratt, BCCA Managing Director
9:15 – 10:00 am	Introduction to the 25 th Anniversary Conference and the Conference Theme. <i>(Including announcing the free developer time.)</i> Ice-breaking & Celebration of Worker Co-ops / CWCF's first 50 Years - the story line on how CWCF and the worker co-op sector have developed, & will develop. (Visual story line to be posted)
10:00 – 10:30 am	<i>Networking Break</i>
10 :30 – 11 :15 am	Solidarity Works: Reflections from the WC movement with Rebecca Kemble, US FWC and City Councillor, Madison, Wisc. and Jessica Gordon-Nembhard, Professor of Community Justice & Social Economic Development , Dept. of African American Studies, City University of New York (CUNY) and member, Grassroots Economic Organizing Collective - who can speak with passion on what the WC movement means to them and how they see the potential. (Confirmed)
11 :15 am – 12 noon	Worker Co-op Stories - including What is a Worker Co-op? – How has solidarity strengthened your co-op? – In Co-op Ignite Format. What is the solidarity in CWCF?
12:00– 2:00 pm	<i>Lunch – not included in registration; we'll provide a list of restaurants. Each will be a short walk from the Library.</i>
B:	
2 :00 – 2 :15 pm	Excellent new 15-minute video on youth-led worker co-ops around the world, by CICOPA.
2 :15 – 3 :00 pm	KEYNOTE: Kathy Bardswick, CEO, The Co-operators – on Solidarity in the Co-op Movement. (20-minute speech, then discussion) – (Confirmed)
3:00 -3:45 pm	Continuing the WC Movement's First 50 Years: Networking Activity –Focused around the timeline with

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	everyone inserting their own co-op's and their own personal highlights including a printed photo of your coop, and discussion of looking forward - with networking opportunities built in.
3:45 – 4:15 pm	<i>Networking Break</i>
4:15 – 4:45 pm	<i>Invited politician, TBD</i>
4:45 pm – 5:45 pm	Caucus Meetings: <i>Regional caucuses, developers' caucus.</i>
C:	
6:30 – 8:00 pm	Birthday Celebration Solidarity Supper and Award Presentation – included in registration
8:00 pm til ?	Entertainment: Bill Bourne – Juno-award winning musician from Edmonton http://www.billbourne.com/ - Confirmed.
9:00 pm	<i>Late AGM Resolutions Deadline</i>

Friday and Saturday sessions take place at the YWCA Hotel, Canfor Room, Royal Bank Room, or 7th Floor Board Room

Friday, November 4th

7:30 am	Breakfast – not included in registration		
A:			
9– 10 am	Forum Topic #1: Managing the Democratic Governance Process in a WC: Alain Bridault (with translation)		
10 – 10:30 am	CWCF AGM Part 1: Reports by Executive Director - Hazel Corcoran, & President – Alain Bridault		
10:30 – 11:00 am	<i>Networking break</i>		
11:00 am–12:30 pm	Workshops:		
	A1) The Leap Manifesto and the Worker Co-op Movement, Seth Klein, BC Director of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, & an SSG member	A2) People and Co-ops: Maintaining Mutual Respect and Dignity within your Worker Co-op: New research into the Co-op Index has shown that the key value in WC's is treating members with respect & dignity. This workshop will demonstrate that in the workplace. (Paper co-author Peter Hough, and two worker co-op members)	A3) Legal Issues in Worker Co-ops, by Lawyers Mary Childs and Celia Chandler: This will cover some basic concepts in contract and tort law, guidance on ways to assess and control legal risk, liability of directors and officers of co-ops, and human rights issues in co-ops.
12:30 – 1:30 pm	<i>Bag Lunch – included in registration</i>		
B:			
1:30 – 1:45 pm	Movement Break, led by Reba Plummer & Victor Das		
1:45 – 2:00 pm	Quebec Réseau presents its Parcours Coop or “Co-op Journey” – by Isabel Faubert-Mailloux. This innovative program provides coaching and start-up support to worker co-operators in Quebec, aged 18 – 35. (Confirmed)		
2:00 - 2:30 pm	The Co-operators: Co-op Guard & Member Benefits – by Manon Monette, & a Co-op using the program.		
2:30 - 3 pm	CWCF AGM Part 2: Financial Statements, Budget.		
	<i>Choose free consulting time (as a developer, or a co-op seeking help), OR the workshop. If you choose free consulting time, after you are done you may quietly enter the workshop session.</i>		
3 - 3:30 pm	<i>Networking Break</i>		
3:30 – 5:00 pm	Free consulting time explained / organized by Kaye Grant. (15 minutes)	Workshop B1) Business Strategy Fine-Tuning, the Social Venture Institute Approach, Presenter TBD.	
	Free consulting time with a developer		

5:00 – 6:30 pm	Groundswell Café and Space for a drink, OR Bike Ride to the Seawall
C:	
7:00 pm	Dinner out together; we will suggest restaurants – not included in registration

aturday, November 5th			
7:30 am	Breakfast – not included in registration		
A:			
9– 10:30 am	Forum Topic #2: Financing Worker Co-ops: Andy Broderick , Vancity VP of Impact Market Development / NewMarket Funds re: the Canadian Co-op Investment Fund, Tracey Kliesch , General Manager / CEO of CCEC Credit Union, and one worker co-op.		
10:30 – 11:00 am	Networking Break		
11:00 – 11:45	AGM Part 3: Nominations/ director elections, resolutions		
11:45 –12:45 pm	Lunch –included in registration		
12:45 – 1 pm	MOVEMENT , with Victor Das / Board reorganization meeting		
1:00 – 2:30	Workshops		
	C1) Strengthening your Co-op’s Value Proposition: Positioning your co-op for more effective sales: price, branding, advertising. Presenters TBD.	C2) Indivisible Reserves – how & why to include them in your articles/ bylaws. Yuill Herbert (TBC)	C3) Open Space Workshop
2:30 – 3:00	Conference wrap-up		