



Downtown Vancouver: YWCA Hotel, 733 Beatty Street,
 Except on Thursday Nov 3rd: Sandman Hotel, 180 W. Georgia St.

Program

Wednesday, November 2th

Pre-Conference, Optional events

12:30 pm – 5:00pm: Tours: Vancouver Convention Centre (LEED Certification done by SSG Worker Co-op), Woodshop Workers' Co-op, and Vancouver Renewable Energy Co-op; using rental bikes and/or city bus. Depart from the YWCA Hotel lobby, 12:30 pm.
 6 pm: We'll meet in the lobby of the YWCA Hotel and suggest restaurants for dinner – not included in registration.

*Thursday's sessions will take place at the **Sandman Hotel** (180 West Georgia Street – next door to YWCA Hotel), except for the caucus meetings (4:20 – 5:30 pm) at the YWCA Hotel. Daytime sessions are in the Sandman Ballroom; you first enter the Moxie's Restaurant, then go to the back on the second floor.*

Thursday, November 3rd

7:30 am	Breakfast – not included in registration
A:	Facilitator: Reba Plummer
9:00 – 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
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 Worker Co-op movement means to them and how they see the potential.
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.
12:00– 2:00 pm	<i>Group Photo will be taken before leaving for lunch</i> <i>Lunch – not included in registration; we'll provide a list of restaurants. Each will be a short walk from the Sandman. Joy Emmanuel is organizing a meeting for BC developers with Patrice Pratt over lunch.</i>
B:	Facilitator: Jessica Provencher
2:00 – 2:15 pm	Excellent new 15-minute video on youth-led worker co-ops around the world, by CICOPA.

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2:15 – 3:00 pm	KEYNOTE: Kathy Bardswick, CEO, The Co-operators – on Solidarity in the Co-op Movement. (20-minute speech, then discussion)				
3:00 -3:45 pm	Continuing the WC Movement’s First 50 Years				
3:45 – 3:55 pm	<i>Caucus Meeting instructions</i>				
3:55 – 4:20 pm	<i>Networking Break at the Canfor Room, YWCA Hotel</i>				
4:20 pm – 5:30 pm	Caucus Meetings: <i>Regional caucuses, developers’ caucus.</i> – at the YWCA Hotel.				
	BC Caucus (7 th Floor Board Room)	Ontario Caucus (Canfor Room)	Prairies Caucus (Canfor Room)	Developers’ Caucus (Canfor Room)	Quebec Caucus (YWCA Lobby)
C:	EVENING: (Location: Studios 2 and 3, at the back of Moxie’s Restaurant, Sandman Hotel, Mezzanine Level)				
	Facilitator: Alain Bridault				
6:30 – 8:00 pm	Birthday Celebration Solidarity Supper, Mark Goldblatt Award Presentation and Silent Auction– included in registration. The Award will be presented to Melanie Conn.				
8:00 pm til ?	Entertainment: Bill Bourne – Juno-award winning musician from Edmonton http://www.billbourne.com/				
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. Unless otherwise noted, in the Canfor-Royal Bank Room.

Friday, November 4th

7:30 am	Breakfast – not included in registration		
	*Delegates are asked to start obtaining voting cards by 8:30 am on Friday, November 4th, and we ask delegates to keep their voting cards for the following AGM sections, on Friday and Saturday. Non-members of CWCF are welcome to attend.		
A:	Facilitator: Eric Tusz-King		
9:00– 10:00 am	¹Forum Topic #1: Managing the Democratic Governance Process in a Worker Co-op: Alain Bridault, Co-op ORION (with translation)		
10:00 – 10:25 am	CWCF AGM Part 1: Reports by Executive Director - Hazel Corcoran, & President – Alain Bridault		
10:25 – 10:30 am	Greetings from Co-operatives and Mutuals Canada		
10:30 – 11:00 am	<i>Networking break (Free consulting set-up- meet at the front of the Canfor-Royal Bank Room with Kaye)</i>		
	Workshops		
	A1) The Leap Manifesto and the Worker Co-op Movement (Royal Bank Room), Seth Klein, BC Director of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, & a representative of SSG Facilitated by Eric Tusz-King	A2) People and Co-ops: Maintaining Mutual Respect and Dignity within your Worker Co-op (7th floor Board Room), 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) Facilitated by Jackie Somerville	A3) Legal Issues in Worker Co-ops (Canfor Room), 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. Facilitated by Hazel Corcoran
12:30 – 1:30 pm	<i>Bag Lunch – included in registration (Free Consulting over lunch)</i>		

¹ A “Forum” session means that experienced people briefly present a topic in plenary, followed by facilitated discussion / discussion in break-out groups.

B:	Facilitator: Stephanie Guico
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.
2:00 - 2:30 pm	The Co-operators: Co-op Guard & Member Benefits – by Jamie Bohach, & Urbane Cyclist.
2:30 – 3:00 pm	CWCF AGM Part 2: Financial Statements, Budget.
3:00 - 3:30 pm	<i>Networking Break</i>
3:30 – 5:00 pm	Workshop B1) Business Strategy Fine-Tuning (Royal Bank/Canfor Room) , the Social Venture Institute Approach, Derek Gent, Executive Director, Vancity Community Foundation, and Theodora Lamb, Director, Vancity.
5:00 – 6:30 pm	Walk along the Seawall led by Jeremy Murphy
7:00 pm	Dinner out together; leaving from the YWCA Hotel lobby; we will suggest restaurants – not included in registration.
8:30 pm -11:00 pm	For those wanting to network and connect, we have arranged to have the use of the Canfor-Royal Bank rooms for the evening. BYOB

Saturday, November 5th

7:30 am	Breakfast – not included in registration	
A:	Facilitator: Rebecca Kemble	
9:00 – 10:30 am	Forum Topic #2: Financing Worker Co-ops: Elvy Del Bianco , Program Manager, Cooperative Partnerships at Vancity; 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.	
10:30 – 11:00 am	Networking Break	
11:00 – 11:45 am	AGM Part 3: Nominations / director elections, resolutions	
11:45 –12:45 pm	Lunch –included in registration / Board reorganization meeting (11:45 – noon)	
12:45 – 1 pm	MOVEMENT , with Victor Das	
1:00 – 2:30 pm	Workshops	
	C1) Strengthening your Co-op’s Value Proposition (Canfor-Royal Bank Room): Positioning your co-op for more effective sales: price, branding, advertising. Marty Frost, Devco, and Isabel Martins, La Siembra Co-op. Facilitated by Peter Hough	C2) Open Space Workshop (7th floor Board Room) Facilitated by Eric Tusz-King and Jessica Provencher
2:30 – 3:00 pm	Conference wrap-up	

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