

Canada's Worker Co-op Ecosystem

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CWCF – www.canadianworker.coop

The Canadian Worker Co-operative Federation ("CWCF") is the national Federation for:

- Worker Co-ops (64 members) – primary focus,
- Co-op Developers (24 – through CoopZone),  coopzone
- Regional WC Federations (3 –in Quebec),
- Associate Members (64), &
- Friends of CWCF (3).

Worker Co-op & RF Members

British Columbia (New Members)

- Stocksy United Co-op
- The Vancouver Empowerment Cleaning Co-op
- Chorus Frog Organic Gardens Cooperative
- Ablaze Services Workers Cooperative



Alberta (New Members)

- Pansy Club Multi-Stakeholder Cooperative

 Worker Co-ops

 Regional Federations

Ontario (New Members)

- Lichen Community Systems Worker Coop
- Toronto Mobile Bicycle Repair Co-operative

Quebec Worker Co-op Federations

 Réseau COOP

 Fédération québécoise
des coopératives forestières

 Fédération des Coopératives
des Paramédics du Québec

(Note: 5 new co-ops added since.)

Industry sectors with most worker co-ops:

Consulting



Transform Practice



Social care



Other services



Slate Bookkeeping Co-op



Whole Women Network Co-operative

Environment-related

(including bike sector)



Sun Certified Builders Sustainability Solutions Group



Fair trade



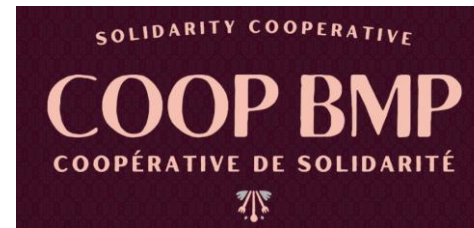
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Dream Bike Game Co-operati...

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Cafes, bar, food & farm



CWCF is a member of:



CWCF is also a member of all anglophone provincial co-operative associations.

CWCF Vision

To be a growing, cohesive network of democratically controlled worker co-ops that provide a high quality of work-life, and support the development of healthy, just and sustainable local economies, based on co-operative values and principles.

CWCF's Current Strategic Priorities

- 1) We seek to engage and strengthen our members*
- 2) We seek to build awareness and scale up worker co-ops*
- 3) We seek to build the Solidarity Economy*
- 4) We seek to ensure operational effectiveness and future financial sustainability*

CWCF Services

- Lobbying for worker co-op interests
- Technical assistance program
- *Tenacity Works* Investment Fund – fully invested
- Access to hard-to-find information on WC's, www.canadianworker.coop
- E-Newsletter
- Webinars for worker co-ops: Introduction to WC's, WC Governance 101, & WC Finance 101, Finance 201, etc.
- Annual Fall Conference

CWCF Services (continued)

- Regional Meet-&-Greetings
- Group insurance program (Co-operators)
- Justice, Equity, Diversity, Decolonization and Inclusion (JEDDI) Focus: Equity Advisors, Committee, Racial Justice grants and bursaries
- Worker Co-op Academy training and accompaniment program (currently paused)
- RRSP-TFSA program for investment in co-ops of all types, & CED Investment Funds (etc.) – *Common Good Capital Registered Plans*

Other parts of the WC Ecosystem

- Other worker co-ops
- Worker co-op developers :  coopzone (Also, training for developers)
- Provincial co-op associations
- International Centre for Co-op Management, Saint Mary's U: 
- Canadian Co-operative Investment Fund 
- Co-operative Development Program, Co-operators 
- Co-op Convert website, www.coopconvert.ca



Local / regional WC incubators

- Solid State Community Industries, Surrey, BC



- Women's Multicultural Resource & Counselling Centre, Durham, ON



- Union Cooperative Initiative, Lower Mainland, BC



- Co-operatives First, Western Canada (Indigenous & rural)



- Parcours COOP, Quebec (in French)

Parcours COOP

- SEIZE, Quebec



What's Next: New Strategic Plan

Get your Input to help create the plan.

Focus on: *Building CWCF's Capacity.*

Thank you!

QUESTIONS ???

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