



Co-op Development Training Program Starting Fall 2018

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 offers various levels of training--an [Introduction to Co-op Development](#) for those who wish to understand and support others leading the process, and a two year [Advanced Program](#), for those coordinating the process.

www.coopzone.coop/Courses



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/Courses, or write to the Course Director, Eric Tusz-King - CoopZoneTraining@gmail.com.

Language of Training Program

This program is offered in English only. Ce programme n'est offert qu'en anglais.

The Co-operative Development Training Program

INTRODUCTORY PROGRAM:

The Introductory course has been designed for people interested in understanding the types and roles of co-ops and the basic co-operative development process but may not be active co-operative developers. This is a good option for those who work in credit unions, co-ops, business development and those who have an interest in co-operative development. 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.

This one-year program provides basic information on the development and project management services to new, existing and expanding co-operatives. Participants will learn about the network and resources groups available for a successful co-op development process.

ADVANCED PROGRAM: Two Years

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 Advanced 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.

The Advanced Program has a residential weekend and professional mentoring with experienced co-operative developers.

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 learning 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 have been 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.

Course Length & Deadline

Basic introductory Program

- **1-year Program**
 - October 9 – April
 - Application deadline: October 3

Advanced Program - 2-year Program

- **1st year:**
 - **October 10 – May**
- **2nd year:**
 - **October 9 – May**
 - **The 1st year is not a prerequisite for the 2nd year.**
- Application deadline: October 3

Tuition

- **Tuition for the Basic Introductory Course is \$1,500 for the year.**
- **Tuition is \$2,900 per year for each year of the Advanced Course, typically paid in two installments.**
- **CoopZone can provide a tax credit receipt.**
- **The tuition includes written resource materials worth approximately \$150.**
- **For those who find this financially prohibitive, some partial bursaries may be available.**

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Information Webinars to Introduce Both Programs: One hour webinars are offered to introduce the courses at a time convenient for you. To set an appointment, please contact, Eric Tusz-King at:
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