

My name is Jeremy Hatt and I graduated from the University of Guelph with a degree in Environmental Science. After graduating, I fundraised and volunteered for charities in the GTA including Environmental Defence and helped manage various campaigns with other charitable organizations. Through the Ontario Cooperative Association internship, I worked with the Canadian Community Economic Development Network as the Ontario Programs Assistant. During my internship, I have assisted with a number of programs including full responsibility over the Network's Ontario newsletter, assisting with and giving presentations at conferences, and helping write and edit papers around community economic development, immigrant social enterprise, and social economy policies. A lot of my time has been focused on helping the Ontario Social Economy Roundtable (OSER) where I take minutes at the Steering Committee meetings, act as a liaison between the Canadian CED Network and OSER members, arrange meetings and set deadlines, and have been responsible for managing the logistics, travel and accommodation, catering, and invitations for an Ontario-wide conference titled The Ontario We Want: Next Steps to a People-Centred Economy. These experiences have led me to pursue a career in the social economy sector, whether that is a cooperative, nonprofit, or social enterprise. The passion I see from people working in the sector is inspiring and I want to be part of this incredible movement.