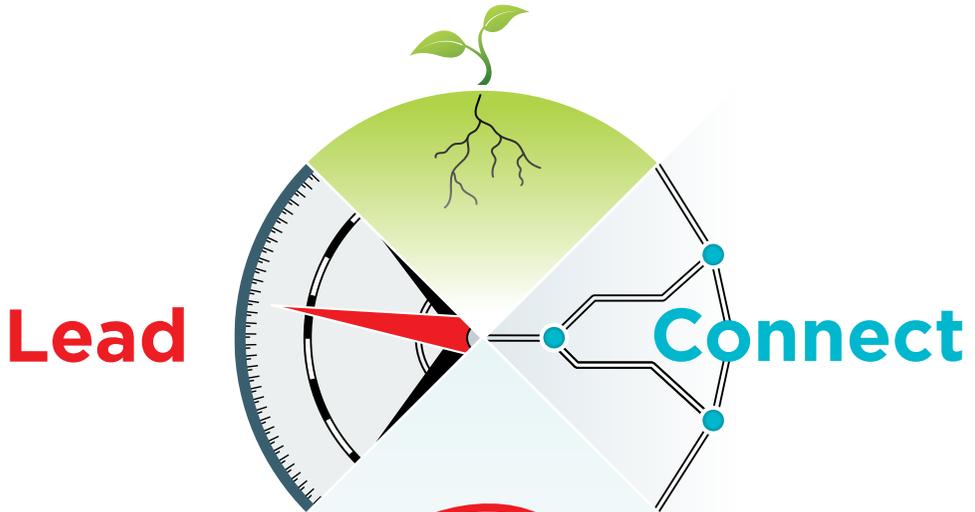


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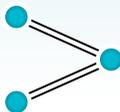


Lead

Connect



The key resource for co-operatives
and credit unions in Ontario.



Co-operative Engagement

Providing opportunities for networking, development and collaboration

► Forging connections between co-operatives as well as co-operators through workshops, roundtables, conferences and events.

Keeping co-ops informed

► Sharing useful and engaging information with our community both provincially and sector-wide. Fostering an environment where people want to talk about co-operatives.

Telling the co-op story

► Raising awareness of co-operatives by curating tailored communications that broaden public understanding of the co-op model and its triple-bottom-line philosophy.

Strengthening the co-op identity and unifying the movement

► Adopting and promoting the International Co-operative Alliance's co-op logo (see below), dot-coop domain and *Blueprint for a Co-operative Decade*. Creating a role for our members to become part of the provincial and global co-op movements.

Connecting people to co-ops

► Providing the province's only searchable database of co-operatives, credit unions and caisses populaires.



**Co-operative
enterprises build
a better world**



Advocacy and Government Relations

Giving Ontario co-ops a presence

► Advocating for recognition and support within government and the private sector.

Empowering co-ops to self-advocate

► Providing co-ops with the tools, knowledge and encouragement to get involved in changing the policies that affect them directly.

Building awareness for co-ops

► Identifying and addressing barriers for a sustainable co-operative movement in Ontario.

Modernizing co-operative legislation

► Compiling co-operative case studies to support sector recommendations for legislative change.

Co-operatives

Training and consulting ► Developing new, emerging and established co-ops through the provision of consulting services, as well as learning and professional development opportunities.

Cultivating sector leadership

► Facilitating the delivery of board, staff, and member training and development.

Strengthening co-operative communities

► Creating regional referral networks. Convening sector events to create a platform for sharing, learning and networking. Helping co-ops identify challenges and opportunities.

Facilitating co-operative development

► Providing online and in-person resources for emerging, existing and expanding co-ops. Delivering technical assistance and business development support.





Co-operative Development and Education

Co-operative learning, guidance and expertise ▶ Offering a wide range of training, education and resources tailored to meet the needs of our diverse audience.

All 4 Each Education Outreach

▶ Connecting co-ops and credit unions with their local schools through our “Train the Trainer” program, which includes a suite of educational resources and presentations.

Co-operative Young Leaders (CYL)

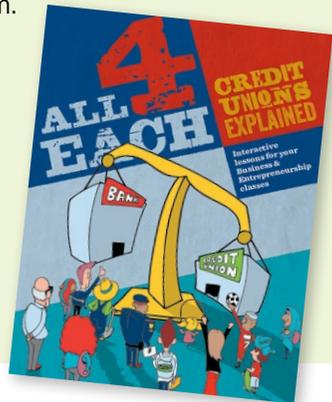
▶ Creating co-operative teen leadership and engagement experiences. For nearly 50 years, CYL has served as a platform for youth to engage in and contribute to the co-operative sector.

Co-operative e-Learning

▶ Providing 24/7/365 online learning opportunities for those governing, leading, working in or entering the co-op movement.

Fundamentals of Co-operative Organizations Program

▶ Offering co-op-specific learning, professional development and mentorship through a guided, six-month post-secondary program.





What is On Co-op?

What we are ▶ A trade association and capacity-building organization that develops, engages, educates and advocates for Ontario's 1,300+ co-operative businesses.

What we do ▶ Provide a range of services focusing on the following:

- ▶ Co-operative Engagement
- ▶ Government Relations and Advocacy
- ▶ Co-operative Education and Development

These areas constitute our three strategic pillars and support our mission to *lead, cultivate and connect* co-operatives.

Our vision ▶ A sustainable social, environmental and economic future for co-operatives in Ontario.

Our membership ▶ Represents 85 percent of English-speaking co-ops and credit unions in Ontario. Through the foundation provided by our membership, we build co-operative awareness and vitality and unite the co-operative movement in Ontario.

Our community ▶ Includes our members, board, staff, partners, stakeholders, volunteers and affiliates all across Ontario, as well as funding agencies and other national and international co-operative support organizations.



More information
▶ ontario.coop/about_us



Co-ops Work

More than 1,300 co-ops, credit unions and caisses populaires in more than 400 Ontario municipalities, with over 1,900 locations.

587 housing co-ops **226** credit unions & caisses populaires

216 child care co-ops **97** agricultural co-ops

23 retail co-ops **22** community development co-ops

129 "other" co-ops Over **\$30 billion** in assets

\$2.1 billion in revenue

More than **1.4 million** members

Find out more! **www.ontario.coop**

Source: 2007 Census of Ontario
Co-operatives, Credit Unions
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