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Introduction to Co-op Development Training Program

INTRODUCTION TO CO-OP DEVELOPMENT

CoopZone is offering an introductory course on co-operative development. This course is appropriate for people interested in understanding the basic co-op development process but who will not be active developers, such as employees or directors of credit unions, co-ops, or other workplaces with an interest in co-op development.

Apply Now!



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 and obtain the application form, please go to: www.coopzone.coop/Courses or write to Eric Tusz-King at: CoopZoneTraining@gmail.com.

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INTRODUCTORY PROGRAM

If you work within the co-operative or the community economic development sectors and would like a better understanding of the co-operative movement as a whole, the many types of co-operatives and the process and challenges of developing co-operatives and key resources, this course is for you.

The participant will have an understanding of:

- The nature and scope of the co-operative movement;
- The benefits, basic characteristics and types of co-operatives that address people's needs & aspirations;
- The co-op development process and the roles of the potential members and development facilitators; and
- Some resources available for co-op development.

Hour-long Information webinars (free):

June 21, July 18, and Sept. 14, 2016, each at noon ET. RSVP to hazel@canadianworker.coop, by the day prior.

Benefits of the Program

- On-line distance education program in a collaborative team environment.
- Participation in discussions on-line, group conference calls and webinars.
- Incorporation of the courses into your existing career.
- Learning about co-operatives and the development process within your own professional context.

Starting Date & Tuition

- **Start Date: mid-October, 2016**
- **Application Deadline: Sept 23rd**
- **Tuition: \$1,500. (tax-deductible)**
- **Applications, incl. for Bursaries:**
www.coopzone.coop/Courses

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. The benefits they provide to their members include cost-sharing and 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 their community. Membership also provides a common ground and support system, which reduce isolation and build members' skills.

- The purpose is to meet the common needs of their members.
- Founded on a system of one-member/one-vote.
- Profits are shared among the member-owners on the basis of how much they use the organization.