

# How you can support our co-operative education programs...



THINKING FORWARD, LEADING NOW.

## 2022 - 2023

### The what...

OCA is committed to continued development, promotion and delivery of its core education programs, designed to raise understanding and awareness of co-operatives among youth, those working in the sector and the general public. Our education programs provide a variety of learning and professional development opportunities, including a summer camp for youth, learning in the classroom, facilitation training and opportunities for adults, and training/workshops for both new and existing staff. Our programs are also available for those involved in the social economy, small business or economic development.

### The why...

Building awareness of co-operatives is essential to our vision of a stronger, more co-operative Ontario. Employees who understand co-operatives and feel part of the broader movement are more dedicated to the job, and their passion for the greater good and commitment to the organization is stronger. OCA is actively working with educators, our members and external stakeholders, to build dynamic and innovative programs that inspire, educate and engage a multitude of different partners, all working together to build a better Ontario.

### The how...

Your support of **Co-operative Young Leaders** provides valuable professional development opportunities for volunteer facilitators; a great opportunity for staff to use their co-operative knowledge to inspire the next generation of co-operative leaders! You may also choose to support CYL by sponsoring youth participants to attend, or by contributing funds to mitigate the rising costs associated with running an overnight youth camp.

Your support also enables us to pilot new and innovative educational programs such as **Co-operative Minds**, an educational tool that uses the principles of integrative learning to build problem-solving skills at all levels, from elementary students to co-operative staff. Co-operative Minds incorporates co-op principles and values to encourage collaborative and creative problem-solving. Our **ON Board** program is designed to fill gaps in co-operative knowledge, to inspire and engage stakeholders from both within the sector and the general public. Through facilitated workshops, self-directed learning and access to an interactive Co-operative Community map, participants gain an understanding of the co-operative model and an appreciation for the social and economic benefits of co-operatives in Ontario and around the world.

Sponsorship contributions start at: \$500

For more information about how to get involved with OCA's education initiatives, please click on the program logos below:



To book a meeting with our education team to discuss how OCA's educational programs can support your organizations co-operative education goals, please contact us at one of the emails below.