



May 20, 2020 Co-operative Young Leaders Program Update

It is with great sadness that we have to share with you the cancellation of the 2020 Co-operative Young Leaders program, for the first time in its 53 year history. The province of Ontario announced on May 19th, that due to the COVID – 19 pandemic and the requirement in place for social distancing, that all overnight summer camps will not be able to move forward.

For over 50 years, Ontario youth have been coming to CYL to develop leadership, teambuilding and communication skills all while learning about the co-operative sector, co-operative values and our guiding principles. Our program has encouraged youth to engage in their community, be more aware of their own contributions and responsibility to improve society, and developed friendships to a last a life time. CYL can and does truly “Change your Life.”

The times we all live in today requires us to think outside the box, and OCA is no stranger to this. We have plans in place to engage participants in some new and unique ways and to connect our facilitators and participants in a virtual setting. This format will enable us to interact with each other while providing a platform for some fun co-operative activities and events.

We look forward to the 2021 season where participants who are currently registered are invited to join us for the same session. Please check out our website in early fall for the 2021 camp dates!

My sincere thanks to all of our [CYL sponsors](#), facilitators and participants for your encouragement and support of the CYL program.

Please feel free to contact Carol Fleming our Director, Co-operative Young Leaders at cfleming@ontario.coop or at 519.763.8271 ext. 25 if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

Thank you for your understanding as we all work through this together.