



OCA MEMBER BENEFITS

WE WILL BE YOUR CONNECTORS

We facilitate opportunities for interaction and collaboration with other co-operatives to expand business opportunities and address societal and economic challenges. We also facilitate connections at Queen's Park through legislative consultations with Ontario's Co-operative Caucus of 25 MPPs.

WE WILL BE YOUR EDUCATORS

We provide education on co-operatives and credit unions to the general public, youth and even within our own sector, to draw new members and "customers" to the co-operative movement. Our programs include training and webinars, Cooperative Young Leaders, the *All 4 Each* High School curriculum, employee onboarding and more.

WE WILL BE YOUR PROMOTERS

We actively promote the products and services of our members to the sector. We champion the co-operative principles and help our members fulfill their own goals through a co-operative lens.

YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Member-Owners provide input into the strategic direction of the organization, make and pass resolutions at members' meetings, and vote on and discuss the business of the Association. They elect representatives to the Board and may submit candidates to run for OCA's Board. We encourage you to be engaged in areas that are relevant and impactful to you, as well as where you can lend expertise to help strengthen the movement.

Other Benefits

- Engagement in surveys and consultations that shape our strategic plan
- Involvement in one of our committees
- Advanced notice/news of OCA programs, products, services and events
- Organizational profile in our newsletter and website
- Detailed e-Directory listing/map
- Special social media promotion for co-op service providers
- Percentage discount on OCA programs, products, services and events

OCA Programs, Products, Service & Events

Co-operative Young Leaders

CYL is a unique summer camp experience for youth ages 14-18. This series of week-long programming brings young people together from all across Ontario to learn about and practice the co-operative principles, as well as build communication and leadership skills through games, team-building exercises and participation in community projects.

Base Camp

Invites youth ages 12-13 to experience a weekend adventure and learn about the co-operative principles in an interactive, hands on way. Participants will enjoy the traditions of our CYL program and work on a project that incorporates their strengths, while working as a part of a team.

Guide to the Act – Electronic or Print

Our *Guide to the Ontario Co-operative Corporations Act* is comprehensive without being overwhelming. It explains the details of the *Act*, and includes advice about the procedures and protocols that define the operations of co-operatives, along with comments on how certain provisions may be used.

All 4 Each High School Curriculum

A series of curriculum-based lessons and resources to promote the co-operative business model in high schools, as well as to new co-op employees and to the public.

Co-op Questions (411 & 911 inquiries)

Our staff can provide solutions, referrals and connections to resources that can assist you. You can also make an appointment to speak with our co-op development staff to work through your idea or issue and get answers to detailed questions that can help you plan out your next steps.

Training and Workshops

OCA presents informative and engaging workshops and sessions for groups of all sizes on topics ranging from Co-ops 101, board training, strategic planning, facilitation, and beyond. We will tailor the workshop or experience to the needs of your organization.

Event Planning and Consultation

Whether you need full conference support and logistics, Virtual AGM planning, or simply advice on how to run a meeting, our experienced team can help.

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM is a great place to learn more about what we are working on, as well as network with other co-operatives from many difference sectors. We also strive to provide a professional development component at our AGM each year.

Workshops and Webinars

Periodically through the year, we host in-person workshops and webinars on a variety of topics that are important to our membership. Topics may include Co-op Advocacy Tools, Governance, Co-ops 101, etc.