

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration fee includes all workshops and meals indicated on schedule. Accommodations are based on double occupancy. Accommodations being provided by University of Calgary Student Housing. All rooms will have private bedrooms but share one bathroom with roommate.

FEES:

In Canadian Funds:

	Including Accommodations	Not Including Accommodations
Partner	\$400	\$350
Non Partner	\$475	\$400

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MAY 1, 2004

ABOUT RURAL EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

REDA is a non-profit educational organization serving agricultural organizations, co-operatives and credit unions in Alberta since 1959.

Working together with the support of our member organizations and affiliations, REDA has become a recognized source of expertise and services throughout the province.

Our members are democratic organizations, each of which values the coming together of individuals to meet common needs. These organizations recognize the importance of skills needed to successfully work together. They have committed to developing those skills through REDA.

We are a source of expertise in human resource development. We are a facilitator for groups of organizations to work together. We are directed by organizations owned by their members in communities throughout Alberta.

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RURAL EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
is proud to present the
2nd Annual International
Building
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FUTURES
 CONFERENCE
May 14 - 18, 2004
University of Calgary
Calgary, Alberta Canada

Building Co-operative Futures

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW:

The **Second Annual Building Co-operative Futures Youth Conference** will bring together youth between the ages 18 and 30 who are interested in the co-operative sector. Participants will learn about the co-op model and values. The conference will supply resources on co-op careers, studies, values and opportunities.



LOCATION:

The conference will be held at the **MacEwan Student Centre**. Located in Calgary, Alberta the University is situated on 213-hectare of beautiful land in the North West section of the city. The University of Calgary combines the best of long-established university traditions with Calgary's frontier spirit of originality and innovation. Boasting panoramic views of Canada's famous Rocky Mountains and the city's vibrant energy and diversity, this is a perfect spot for an international conference.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2004

4:30 PM	Registration Main Foyer of MacEwan Student Centre
7:30 PM	Welcome Reception "Who Wants to be a Co-operator?"

SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2004

8:00 AM	Breakfast – Introduction to Co-op Basics
9:30 AM	Opening Ceremonies
10:00 AM	True Stories 1
11:00 AM	True Stories 2
12:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM	Group Interactive Session
3:15 PM	True Stories 3
4:30 PM	True Stories 4
5:30 PM	End of Day

SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2004

8:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM	Workshops 1
10:45 AM	Workshops 2
12:15 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM	Group Session: Values & Principles – Online Interactive Training Modules
3:30 PM	Free Time
5:30 PM	Calgary Co-op Tour & BBQ
10:30 PM	Last Bus Arrives Back From Tours

MONDAY, MAY 17, 2004

8:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM	Workshops 3
10:45 AM	Workshops 4
12:15 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM	Workshops 5
3:15 PM	Keynote Speaker
5:30 PM	End of Day

TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2004

10:00 AM	Farewell Brunch, "Where do We Go From Here?"
11:30 AM	End of Conference

GROUP SESSIONS

WHO WANTS TO BE A CO-OPERATOR?

UK Co-op College
This quiz show is the Co-operative Movement's answer to "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" and is much more exciting. In true Co-operative style, the audience is divided into teams to answer the questions.

CO-OP BASICS

Brett Fairbairn
What makes a co-op different, at root, is the concept of membership. This short presentation will explore the basics of a Co-op and introduce concepts and questions that can be followed up in the other conference sessions.

INTERACTIVE SESSION

Peter Bruckman
This session will help "peel everything away." A look at what the driving interest and passion is among the group. Uncover your potential in this exciting group activity.

VALUES & PRINCIPLES

UK Co-op College
The first of its kind for the UK - a look at the unique online interactive training modules:
• A Different Kind of Business
• A Different Way of Trading
• A Difference in the Community

CO-OP TOUR

Come tour some of Calgary Co-ops' new "retail theatre" stores in Calgary. This will be an excellent opportunity to view first hand a leading edge modern Co-op, and see what they are doing to meet their vision of being the premier shopping destination in the communities that they serve. The tour will be followed by a BBQ dinner hosted by Calgary Co-op.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Guest Speaker - Dr. Ian MacPherson from the BC Institute for Co-operative Studies. Followed by a free form discussion facilitated by the planning committee, focusing on the outcomes of the conference.

WORKSHOPS

CCA YOUTH INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Learn all about the Canadian Co-operatives Youth Internship program, how to apply and what to expect. Also hear some true stories from interns that have recently returned from Ghana, Africa. Hear first hand about their experiences and about co-operatives in Africa and the work they do surrounding AIDS.

"A DIFFERENT KIND OF BUSINESS"

UK Co-op College
This workshop will give you some ideas of fun activities and exercises to get the Co-operative message across. A program developed by the Co-operative College will provide you with a better understanding of the co-operative culture.

DEVELOPING CO-OPS FOR OUR GENERATION

Holly Jo Sparks, NASCO
Designed for the emerging generation of co-operators, who value community and self determination. Examine the changing needs of our generation and how student co-ops, can meet these needs. Learn the first steps to building a vision and putting that vision into action.

"COMPARING CO-OP MODELS"

Brett Fairbairn
Consumer, energy, childcare, worker, multistakeholder or solidarity. This workshop will be an interactive examination of different types of co-operatives with plenty of room for question, comments and discussion.

"FORTUNES OF TRADITIONAL CO-OPERATIVES"

Ellen Goddard
This review will look at the structure of Canadian co-operatives, particularly supply and marketing co-operatives in Western Canada and their financial position and structure of investments over the past 20 years.

"OH THE TIMES... THEY ARE A CHANGIN'"

Roger Herman
This presentation will review the New Generation Co-operative model and discuss how it is really an adaptation to an evolved industry. We will explore how co-ops of any type might need to respond to the changed world they now exist in and how new or existing co-ops might need to be redesigned to suit the future.

THE CO-OPS HOUSING ADVANTAGE

Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada
A discussion by a youth member of CHF on the advantages and basics of housing co-ops. The discussion will consider how housing co-operatives are incorporated into the general co-op movement and how housing co-ops can be a vehicle for co-operation between co-operatives.

TRUE STORIES

"TAKING CARE OF OUR HEALTH"

Aylmer Health Care Co-op
This presentation will cover why and how a group of citizens in partnership with doctors decided to take charge of their health by setting up a health care co-op. It will cover the practical steps of development for the organization and focus on how it could be replicated in other communities.

CALGARY CO-OP

Come and meet Stuart Cantrill, the youngest Board Director in the history of Calgary Co-op. See what has made this co-op a significant player in the Calgary market. With over \$750 million in annual sales, this is one of the largest retail co-operatives in North America which includes 18 full scale grocery stores, gas stations, liquor stores and travel centres.

GOLDEYE CENTRE

The Goldeye Centre has been part of the co-operative learning process in Alberta for more than 45 years. Established by Co-operative organizations as a facility to educate young Albertans on co-op principles, Goldeye Centre has grown from a summer youth camp centre to a year round, first class facility.

HISTORY, HERSTORY & JUST PLAIN STORIES OF CO-OPS

Brett Fairbairn
Stories about co-op members and leaders, what they accomplished, and what motivated them. We'll see that there is no one kind of co-op personality and that co-ops are compatible with many cultural and social constructs.

"STARTING A NON-TIMBER FOREST PRODUCTS ENTERPRISE"

The Wilp Sa Maa'y Harvesting Co-operative
This community based co-operative located in NW British Columbia was designed to support the sustainable harvesting, processing and marketing of wild berries and other forest products indigenous to this region. Discover how gainful employment through the development of more non-timber forest products can provide greater stability to the regional economy.

CO-OPERATIVE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Ontario Co-op Association
Hear about Ontario's program, in partnership with HRDC and Ontario Co-op members. Have an opportunity to hear about how the program began, its evolution, and the successes experienced to date.

ATLANTIC CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT

Carole Findlay
Hear what youth in Nova Scotia are doing to help improve their lives despite the closing of their main industry, a fish processing plant, as well as learn about a community in New Brunswick where they have worked together to open a high school student credit union.