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Profile - Resource Assistance for Youth



The changing economic and social climate of today's world has made life difficult for many, but for at-risk youth there are numerous additional challenges. Resource Assistance for Youth (RaY) is a Winnipeg based organization that offers "a multitude of support" for at-risk youth explains Nancy Chippendale, RaY staff member. It is the organization's mandate to provide youth with what they need, on their terms, to better their lives.

One of RaY's most successful initiatives is the Odd Jobs program. Chippendale explains how the success of this program is in its ability to build capacity and confidence amongst its participants, and

to merge the economic and social needs of the youth. "You're the CEO of your own life," says Chippendale as she describes the self-motivating nature of the program. The Odd Jobs staff and participants work together to build long-term thinking for homeless youth who have not had the luxury to do so in the past.

In addition to the Odd Jobs program RAY offers a variety of services, including an addiction support service, educational programs and their Emergency Youth Services. These programs work to get youth off the street and improve their social, health and economic well-being.

Most recently, RaY has opened a new health clinic being run out of the Broadway Pharmacy across the street from RaY's office. This clinic is run in partnership with the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority to offer medical care to at-risk youth. Nurse Practitioners are available to address immediate and long-term health issues for youth up to the age of 29.

RaY continues to be a crucial link for at-risk youth who are dealing with the effects of poverty. To find out more about RaY and their variety of programs, visit www.rayinc.ca

Saskatchewan CED News

Create Action Interns working in Saskatchewan



CCEDNet's Create Action program has placed interns with members across Canada to add capacity to their CED projects and give youth a chance to have work experience in the CED sector.

Desirea Zolinsky, a graduate of sociology from the University of Lethbridge, has recently joined the Saskatchewan Co-op Association. She has past experience as an intern with Oxfam Canada where she worked on public awareness events and workshops on development issues. Desirea also had a part in coordinating last summer's We Are Many Arts and Environmental Festival to unite people in making simple adjustments that can have a large positive impact on their environment. She believes that capacity building among emergent youth leaders will play a key role in establishing CED projects that thrive.

[30th Annual Saskatchewan Co-operative Merit Awards](#)

October 13, 2009 in Regina

Guest Speaker: Dr. Ian MacPherson, Canada's pre-eminent co-op historian

The Saskatchewan Co-operative Order of Merit honours individuals and organizations that have made an outstanding contribution to co-operatives and credit unions in Saskatchewan.

Please join us in honouring this year's Co-operative Achievement Award recipient, **Karl Baumgardner**, by attending the Co-operative Merit Awards Banquet.

Please be sure to order your tickets by October 8 by phoning 306-244-3702 or emailing sca@sask.coop

CED Tools

[Insurance Toolkit for the Voluntary Sector](#)

Want to know more about insurance? Volunteer Alberta has created an online insurance toolkit for nonprofits and charities to help answer your questions.

National CED News

[Do-gooders Can Earn a Good Living](#)

Boundaries are blurring between the for-profit and non-profit worlds, as people in both sectors pursue a double bottom line: economic profit and social impact. TurnAround Couriers, a Toronto-based bicycle courier service, is among a growing group of Canadian enterprises using business methods to address social problems. "You can actually run a successful for-profit with a very strong social agenda and not compromise on either" says Richard Derhman, TurnAround Couriers founder.

[Canada – Latin America Online Forum: Policy to Support the Social and Solidarity Economy](#)

The [Canadian CED Network \(CCEDNet\)](#), supported by the [Bolivian Centre for Multidisciplinary Studies \(CEBEM\)](#) and the [International Development Research Centre \(IDRC\)](#), is organizing a 6-week, on-line forum on policy to support the social economy. **October 26th to December 4th 2009**

This is a major opportunity for engaging in discussion and learning on the role of the social and solidarity economy in responding to local and global economic, social and environmental challenges. Government officials at all levels, NGO staff and volunteers, academics and researchers, grass roots activists, practitioners, and students are invited to participate.

[Click here for more info](#) or contact [Alexandre Charron](#), CCEDNet's International Coordinator.

[The 2009 Canadian Worker Co-op Federation Conference](#)

The 2009 Canadian Worker Co-op Federation Conference will take place from Nov. 19-21 in Moncton, New Brunswick. The theme is: "Worker Co-ops: from Crisis to Opportunity!" There are two meanings in this: on the individual co-op level, how to get out of various kinds of crisis (and relatedly, to have policies in place to stay off crisis in the first place); on the societal level, how the WC model works during, and as a response, to economic crisis. The keynote speaker will be Elizabeth May. As usual, there will be great opportunity for learning, sharing and networking with other co-operators.

New Research

[Enabling Policy Environments for Co-operative Development - A Comparative Experience](#)

Over the last fifty years, Spain, Italy, and Quebec (Canada) enabled the development of well over ninety-eight thousand co-operatives that provide nearly 1.1 million jobs. This paper will analyse critical components of the enabling environment in each context, with consideration of what might be transferable to Manitoba. The goal of this research project is to identify policies, structures, and financing mechanisms that can inform the development of appropriate models for Manitoba as well as support sector-controlled and self-sustaining co-operative development organizations.

[Tamarack Fall Tele-Learning Series](#)

Fall marks the launch of Tamarack's latest Vibrant Communities tele-learning seminar series '*Foundation*.' This two-part series explores two concepts that have proven useful in understanding the nature of poverty and the phases of multi-year efforts to reduce poverty.

To register or learn more, visit the [Events Listing](#) section of the Tamarack website [here](#).

Job Postings

For the latest CED postings visit the National and Regional job pages on CCEDNet's website

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