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Rupert Downing talks about his experience at the World Social Forum in Brazil as part of a global scan of CED

2009 CD/CED Gathering

Thanks to everyone who came and participated in CCEDNet's 7th annual Gathering! We started the day off right with a lively rendition of *Feeling Groovy* by the St. John's vocal jazz choir, a blessing by Elder Flora Zaharia, and the story of the Highlander Institute by Brendan Reimer.

This year we had more than 500 people registered and 28 workshops to choose from. All of this comes together thanks to our planning team made up of 14 CCEDNet members and the 43 presenters who led workshops, all of whom are volunteers. Thanks also to St. John's High School, who has let us use their school for three years running, the volunteer work of the Youth Opportunities Program (YOP) and to all the sponsors: Assiniboine Credit Union, United Way, Health in Common, Investors Group, Manitoba Co-op Association, Winnipeg Partnership Agreement and the Province of Manitoba.

Not only did we learn more about the CED work happening in our communities, but the event itself reinvested almost \$10,000 back into social enterprises and co-ops.

Canadian CED Network News

Strengthening Non-Profits Workshop Series

The Canadian CED Network's CEDTAS and Volunteer Manitoba invite you to attend the following workshops designed to address critical capacity needs of non-profit organizations.

- **November 3: Strategic Planning**
- **November 17: HR Basics**
- **December 1: Proposal Writing**
- **December 8: Evaluation**

All sessions will be held in the Buchwald Room 2nd Floor Millennium Library, Winnipeg, MB

[Click here for info and registration](#)

Premier Selinger Committed to CED

Congratulations to Manitoba's new Premier, Greg Selinger! During the leadership campaign, which included a meeting with members of the Canadian CED Network, Mr. Selinger confirmed his support for Community Economic Development in Manitoba, the creation of 300 new units of social housing per year for 5 years, scaling up support for co-operative development and various strategies to reduce poverty. We look forward to working with the provincial government to turn these commitments into realities that will build stronger and fairer local economies, as well as reduce poverty in communities throughout our province.

CED and Federal MPs

On Thursday, October 15th, CCEDNet members and staff were participants in a roundtable discussion on poverty and social justice in Canada. The meeting was organized by Anita Neville, MP for Winnipeg South Centre and the discussion was led by Ken Dryden, MP for York Centre.



Jonny Sopotiuik, Ken Dryden, Courtney Maddock and Anita Neville at the roundtable on poverty and social justice

In addition to recommending a number of social policy priorities, participants highlighted the need for long term support for community initiated poverty

reduction efforts that take a holistic approach. Participants also urged the federal government to address poverty reduction by taking an integrated approach through a comprehensive poverty reduction plan with targets and timelines.

Over the past few months, CCEDNet staff and members have met with individual MPs in Manitoba including Judy Wasylycia-Leis, Niki Ashton, and Pat Martin. We have also engaged with Ron Davies, Tony Martin, Mike Savage, Alan Tanks. Our goal has been to discuss and advance important policy priorities identified by CCEDNet's membership. The three main policy priorities discussed were the development and implementation of a federal community economic development policy framework and lens, a national poverty reduction plan, and a national community economic development program. CCEDNet was encouraged by the interest and support from these MPs and will continue to work with political officials in advancing our Communities Agenda.

To date, we have not been able to meet with any Conservative MPs, but members are welcome to suggest contacts who would be interested in talking with our network about our policy priorities.

Report from Candidate's Poverty Forum



On Monday, October 5th, Make Poverty History Manitoba organized a free public NDP Candidates' Leadership Forum at the University of Winnipeg. Hundreds of people showed up to ask questions and listen to Greg Selinger and Steve Ashton talk about where they stand on a range of issues relating to poverty and the inner city.

As a member of Make Poverty History Manitoba, CCEDNet is working to produce an inventory of the commitments that were made during the forum. Make Poverty History Manitoba continues to mobilize efforts toward changing public policy in Manitoba to effectively reduce poverty and social exclusion.

CEDTAS: More than just another confusing acronym!

The Community Economic Development Technical Assistance Service or CEDTAS is a service of the Canadian CED Network that works to strengthen community organizations and community economic development projects in Winnipeg, mainly by matching them with volunteers who have specialized skills.

With the onset of fall, we have been busy as a variety of organizations and groups are looking for help with strategic planning, accounting, architectural plans, legal advice, working through conflict, and building a database. If you are a professional person with specific skills who would like to help out on these types of projects, or represent an organization who needs some specialized assistance in making your dreams a reality, or are not sure where to even begin or what resources might be out there waiting for you, contact us by email at cedtas@ccednet-rcdec.ca , or phone us: Geoff at 949-1463 or Julio at 949-1449.

CEDTAS recently bid a fond farewell to staff member Robyn Webb as she has moved on to work on greening and environmental issues with a local organization in her neighbourhood. Best of luck Robyn!



Worker Co-op Merit Award Announced

CWCF is very pleased to announce its 2009 Worker Co-op Merit Award winner: David "Lobie" Daughton for 30 years of work in co-operative Community Economic Development.

David will be honoured at the Banquet of this year's CWCF Conference in Moncton, New Brunswick, November 19-21.

Daughton, seen here wearing a glass bead lanyard, made by an African women's worker co-op and purchased at a Co-operative Development Foundation fundraiser.

CED Tools

Two guides to making your next conference green and accessible

- [A Guide for Accessible Events for People with Disability](#)
 - [Green Conference Guidelines](#)
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Manitoba CED News

Provincial Updates on Social Housing

Greg Selinger, the newly elected Premier of Manitoba and leader of the NDP, has committed to the creation of 300 units of Rent Geared to Income housing every year for the next five years.

Building a Community of Opportunity and Hope takes a look at public housing and the real gains that are being made in Winnipeg's North End public housing complexes.

New Affordable Housing in Grunthal, MB.

Made available through the amended Canada-Manitoba Affordable Housing Program Agreement.

Virten Youth Prepare for Jobs

Local youth facing barriers to employment will receive job preparation training and work experience through a local employment project supported by the governments of Manitoba and Canada. The Virten Employment Skills Centre will receive \$73,754 from the Government of Manitoba and \$9,549 in federal Skills Link funding to support employment, education and career development services for 30 youth facing employment barriers.

National News

Prime Minister Issues Co-op Week Message

Prime Minister Stephen Harper sent a message to the Canadian Co-operative Association this week citing the benefits of co-operatives in Canadian society.

“This week offers Canadians a chance to express their appreciation for the benefits that co-operatives have provided for our society. Indeed, co-operatives have helped many Canadians find solutions to social and economic challenges in their communities. Today, Canada’s co-operatives hold over \$200 billion in assets, which are owned by the members and communities they serve.” [Read on...](#)

Making a Difference with Youth – Award for Innovation

Eva's Initiatives and CIBC have teamed up to offer three awards of \$5000 each for organizations working with homeless and at-risk youth. As an organization that works with homeless and at-risk youth to get them off the streets permanently, Eva's Initiative has set up this award to recognize other organizations doing innovative work with youth.

Interested in applying? [Download information about the 2010 awards and an application form.](#)

Co-operators Donates \$400k for New Centre

The University of Guelph and The Co-operators have launched a new centre dedicated to preparing a new generation of business leaders committed to community engagement and sustainability. The centre will be among the first of its kind on a Canadian university campus. Business students and faculty will work with social purpose organizations on a broad range of collaborative initiatives.

Courtesy of CCA Newsletter

Co-operative Development Initiative Selection Committee to Review Project Proposals

Applications of the Co-operative Development Initiative's (CDI) Innovative Co-operative Projects component will likely know within the next month whether their project proposals will receive CDI funding. Successful applicants will share in the \$2 million in funding available for innovative co-operative projects in four priority areas: agriculture; rural and northern community development; innovative goods and services; and capacity building and sustainability.

Courtesy of CCA Newsletter

Graduate Student Research Award

The ANSER Graduate Student Research Award is to foster and acknowledge graduate research excellence in the field of nonprofits and the social economy in Canada. There will be two awards of \$2,500 each with an additional \$2,500 (total) to support Award recipient travel to the ANSER Conference. Deadline for applications is November 20th, 2009.

New Horizons for Seniors Capital Assistance Fund

The Government of Canada has issued a call for proposals to the New Horizons for Seniors Program. The program supports a wide range of community-based projects right across Canada to help ensure that seniors are actively contributing to and benefiting from their communities. Proposals are now being accepted under the Seniors Capital Assistance Fund component of the NHSP. The fund grants up to \$25,000 for upgrading community facilities and equipment related to existing programs and activities for seniors. The deadline is November 6, 2009.

Attracting Immigrants to Rural Communities

Immigration is a vital source of rural population sustainability, regional economic development, and cultural vitality. In particular, immigrants can help businesses address labour shortage issues, provide

professional services that are in demand (e.g., physicians and other health care professionals), and start new businesses and create jobs as entrepreneurs.

[Social Innovation in Canada: An Update](#)

Canada is falling behind other countries, such as Australia, the UK and the US in recognizing the value of social innovation for addressing complex public policy issues. A new report from Canadian Policy Research Networks (CPRN), *Social Innovation in Canada: An Update*, highlights the urgency of the social challenges before us.

Events

- **[Canadian Worker Co-operative Federation Conference - Register On-line](#)**
November 19 – 21 in Moncton, NB.
 - **[20/20 - A New Vision for a Child Care System for Manitoba](#)**
November 9-10 at the Fort Garry Hotel in Winnipeg, MB
 - **[Third Canadian Conference on Social Enterprise](#)**
November 18-20 in Toronto, ON.
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Job Postings

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

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