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Manitoba's New Premier 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 Sopotiuk, 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.



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](#)

Saskatchewan CED News



This photo captured just some of the people who came out when Victoria Morris, Executive Director of the Saskatchewan Cooperative Association and Treasurer of CCEDNet's Board of Directors, hosted a meeting of CCEDNet members and allies in Saskatoon, where Michael Toye, CCEDNet's Executive Director, spoke briefly about the Network's current activities, and Rupert Downing, Co-Director of the Canadian Social Economy Research Hub, presented emerging research results.

The lively discussion that followed was an important part of the engagement and mobilization activities the Network will be undertaking in preparation for the 2010 National Summit on a People-Centred Economy next May 30 – June 1 in Ottawa.

Community Development Society of Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting

Friday, November 13 at the Prince Albert Arts Centre (1010 Central Ave.) at 10 a.m.

Contact Susan Sebo at sebo2074@hotmail.com for more information.

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.
 - **[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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