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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY

“ You do not realize how much of a difference your co-op makes in our community by sending young people to the ACCA Youth Leadership Program.

It is the people who attend this camp and all the great counselors that make it so great. **There isn't any other youth leadership program that can give you the knowledge and the life morals that ACCA's program gives you.** ”

- Skyler

2017 YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER FACILITATORS

ACCA is actively recruiting new volunteers for this summer's Co-operative Youth Leadership Program.

This program has different program weeks for different ages between 11-18. Volunteers will become part of one program-week team.

Our volunteers spend a few days (in April) before the participants arrive, getting a tour of the Goldeye Centre, meeting their staff teams, choosing their sessions and planning their week together. Above learning some fun traditions, quirky dances and what the program is all about, we also bring in expert facilitators for our staff training weekend. These facilitators help prepare first-time and returning staff volunteers for the dynamics of working with teenagers, handling stressful situations, building trust and communication in teams, and leading great sessions.

Application Deadline:

March 10, 2017

Volunteer Orientation +

Training: April 28- 30, 2017

Volunteer Placement: (7 days)

between June 30 and July 24

[Click here: Volunteer Application and Information Package](#)

You can also visit:

“ This program has helped me change from a shy, quiet kid to an individual who is confident and has great self esteem.

I am more compassionate and empathetic than I thought I could ever be. ”

- Clayton

<http://acca.coop/youth/volunteer-staff/>

For more information about staffing this summer, contact:

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - MAY 2 IN RED DEER MEMBER INFORMATION

More details including the registration package, call for resolutions and director nominations will be coming soon! In the meantime, the board asks you to save May 2 as the date of our annual general meeting.



Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, May 2, 2017
more details to come



ALBERTA COMMUNITY & CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

**CONFERENCE - MAY 3 IN RED DEER
2017 SUMMIT OF CO-OPERATIVE LEADERS**

Alberta's co-operatives are active in realizing the opportunity for economic development, diversification, and growth that benefits Albertans. The co-op and credit union sector plays a pivotal role in this province's economy, from providing essential services to fostering community investment.

The Alberta Community and Co-operative Association is proud to invite you to the 2017 Summit of Co-operative Leaders. This one day event will bring together leaders of the co-op sector, policy makers, and other actors to meet, to learn, and to discuss the future.

2017 SUMMIT OF CO-OPERATIVE LEADERS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2017 | HOLIDAY INN & SUITES RED DEER SOUTH



Strengthening Alberta's Economy: The Role of Co-operatives

We're putting together a panel of experts from senior bureaucrats to people you'll recognize from the sector. What does the future of Alberta's economy look like - we're going to explore the policy environment, opportunities for economic diversification, the impact of the global energy market, ruraly focused issues and more. There'll also be plenty of time for you to discuss strategies and talk about challenges and innovations with other people in the co-operative movement.

Passing the Torch: Strategies to Prepare Alberta Co-operatives for the Challenges Ahead

The Alberta Business Family Institute and special guests will be leading an interacting workshop. Attendees will learn about the core elements of succession planning, "future-proofing" and the strategies to ensure co-ops are in good hands in the next 5 and 10 years.

The main outcome of the session is that sector-leaders are aware of core succession components, and receive feedback and input from the next generation of co-op employees.

Registration will open soon, for more information contact:

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You can also visit: <http://acca.coop/post/event/2017summit/>

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2016 - ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT A GLANCE

Promoting the co-op business model, and boosting awareness about its significant advantages. Providing education and training that empowers the public to explore co-ops and their place in daily life.

- Seth Leon was recognized by the Association for Co-operative Educators for his contributions as a co-op educator in North America, receiving the Young Co-operative Educator Award.
- 60 people from the public attended ACCA in-person workshops, and 50 people attended online webinars with ACCA
- ACCA was solicited for guest presentations at 2 events in the United States, and we shared our expertise with 45 Americans
- We also presented at 3 conferences and gave 2 keynote addresses

Offering networking, collaborating and skill building within the co-op and credit union sectors.

- ACCA held its first Member Engagement Sessions, member organizations were represented by 50 participants in attendance
- 175 member organization employees received training from ACCA
- 12 ACCA members supported and collaborated with us on projects
- One gas co-op hired an engineering intern through Career Focus

Facilitating and expanding programs that shape youth leadership, engagement and education.

- Liane Courchesne celebrated 10 years as the Youth Program Coordinator for the ACCA's Co-op Youth Leadership Program
- 222 youth from 100 different communities attended the program
- 11 NEW sponsors signed up to support the program
- ACCA taught 290 post-secondary students from 5 different institutions, about the co-operative business model
- Lacey Chyz was elected president of the national co-op youth committee known as Canada's Emerging Co-operators

Advocating to government about the economic and social impact co-operatives have in Alberta.

- ACCA hired a policy analyst intern for 16-weeks, to collect data on the economic impact co-operatives make in Alberta
- 532 ACCA staff hours were spent on government relations
- 43 MLAs and 50 co-op sector guests attended ACCA's first Reception

Questions? Comments? Contact Us.

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