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Tickets on sale now for November's MLA Reception!

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for the
**RECEPTION FOR MEMBERS
OF LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

November 22, 2016 at 5:30 PM
The Matrix Hotel, Edmonton

Ticket pre-sales are required to make this event possible - get yours today.

Tickets are \$150 (+GST) each, if you order before October 10!

Who's Invited?

This event is open to all ACCA members and Alberta's Members of Legislative Assembly. This stand-up reception will be hosted by the members of the Alberta Community and Co-operative Association, and made possible through ticket sales and attendance of member organizations. MLAs are not required to RSVP and will attend free of charge. Many NDP, Wildrose and Conservative MLAs have already expressed their interest and commitment in attending and look forward to seeing you there!

When and Where is it?

The MLA Reception will be hosted in the Amber Room of the Matrix Hotel, 10640 - 100 Ave, Edmonton, on Tuesday, November 22, 2016. ACCA members are asked to arrive by 5:30 PM, MLAs will be stopping by and mingling between 5:30 and 7:30 PM.

What to Expect?

November 22 is an opportunity for the co-operative and credit union sector to get to know the MLAs and vice-versa. We're expecting a business-casual environment, where everyone in attendance is open to networking and relationship building. Refreshments and light appetizers will be available, with the focus being on conversations, not presentations.

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BEFORE THEY SELL OUT!](#)**

\$10,000 Grant Coming ACCA's Way For Co-operative Youth Leadership Program

After many different applications and months of waiting, ACCA was successful with a \$10,000 grant application to benefit the Co-operative Youth Leadership Program.

ACCA's Youth Program Coordinator, Liane Courchesne was thrilled to hear the news and couldn't be more excited about the support for the youth program which saw 222 participants and 44 skilled volunteers turn up this summer.

The Community Group Grant is given by the Clearwater Regional Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) from Clearwater County, the Town of Rocky Mountain House and the Village of Caroline. The grant focuses on supporting groups which promote the social development of children, and who promote, encourage and support volunteer work in communities.



**Workshop in Calgary on September 20
Register for Co-op Basics Now**

CALGARY WORKSHOP CO-OP BASICS

SEPTEMBER 20 6:30 PM
4920 17 AVE SE
CALGARY, AB

DISCOVER THE DIFFERENCE,
DISCOVER CO-OPERATIVES.

We'll be uncovering community economic development tools, and sharing the fundamentals of the co-operative movement, structure and advantages.

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CO-OP BASICS



Today co-operatives are innovators and leaders in community economic development! They are found in every part of the economy and provide important services such as housing and health care. They are an important part of our history, have built strong communities, and thrived in times of economic uncertainty.

Our introductory presentation informs participants about what makes the model unique. It features an overview of the movement, the co-operative structure, values and principles, and explains how these factors have contributed to their success.

This two-hour evening is presented with the following audience in mind:

- Learners interested in different types of business structures
- People who work in, or who would like to start a co-operative
- Business owners interested in succession planning that involves selling all or part of their business to their employees
- Economic development officers or those interested in the benefits of community investment

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Co-operative Youth Leadership Curriculum Update

Hi, my name is Becky Wandio. I have been contracted by ACCA to update and refresh the Youth Program Curriculum.

I am excited by this opportunity, as it gives me a chance to put my skills to work in a different curriculum venue. I was a teacher for 30 years, working in the private and public school sector, in grades 1- 12. I was also a trained facilitator working with teachers across Parkland School Division and have led workshops outside of the division, including several presentations at Teacher's Conventions.

I had the opportunity to attend the Youth

Program out at the Goldeye Centre this summer, and was nothing but impressed with the breadth of content and the staff volunteers.

It is truly a program that not only promotes the Co-op Principles, but also equips young people to take a leadership role in their community.

To date, I have worked through about 1/3 of the program, clarifying objectives and providing an updated structure of the curriculum. I look forward to introducing the new program to the Youth Program staff and volunteers in the future. I thank the ACCA Leadership Foundation for providing me with this opportunity and look forward to other opportunities to work with ACCA in the future.



Becky Wandio with Liane Courchesne, Youth Program Coordinator, at the 2016 summer Co-operative Youth Leadership Program.

The Next Gathering of Alberta Co-operatives - When Should We Have It?



WHEN WOULD YOU LIKE THE NEXT GATHERING?

What good would a gathering be, if no one was available to gather?

In the time that you finish reading this, you could already be done our quick online poll - [click here and share your thoughts now.](#)

ACCA Becomes More Involved in National Movement

With feedback from ACCA members, the association has been focusing a lot on co-operating with other co-operatives, as well as raising awareness of the co-op movement among youth and the government.

ACCA is pleased with the progress we've made in starting a cross-sector committee for government relations in Alberta's co-op sector, which has made it possible to host the upcoming MLA Reception on November 22.

As a provincial association, we're committed to working with other provinces and the national association, Co-operatives and Mutuals Canada (CMC), to move forward on initiatives that are valuable to the co-op movement.

For almost a year now, Lacey Chyz, ACCA's Communications Coordinator, has been a part of a national committee, [Canada's Emerging Co-operators](#), which helps to identify the interests of young co-operators and improve how the sector engages with young Canadians. In August, Lacey was also officially welcomed to the [Co-operative Government Affairs Committee](#) of CMC, where she looks forward to learning about government relations strategies across the sector.

In addition to ACCA actively building relationships with MLAs and Cabinet Ministers in the province, we'll also be an active part of the [Parliamentary Reception in Ottawa](#) on November 30 at Parliament Hill.

If you're interested in learning more about ACCA's cross-sector committee for government relations, or learning about Lacey's involvement with CMC, email her at lchyz@acca.coop.



Survey for Alberta Co-operatives: Measuring Community Investment

IT'S NOT TOO LATE, YOU CAN STILL

TAKE OUR ONLINE SURVEY:

**COMMUNITY INVESTMENT
AND YOUR CO-OPERATIVE**

**PLEASE HELP US MEASURE THE IMPACT CO-OPS
ARE MAKING ON ALBERTA COMMUNITIES.**

BUT HURRY— SUBMISSIONS WILL CLOSE SOON!



We would like to know how Alberta co-operatives invest in their communities, Principle Seven: Concern for Community. Over the summer we have been conducting research on the impact Alberta's co-operatives make socially and economically.

Please, help us with our research by completing an online survey. Feel free to share this with any Alberta co-ops in your network!

For more information about the survey please contact Brian McCann, ACCA Policy Analyst, at bmccann@acca.coop.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE SURVEY](#)

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