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Local Capital for Local Businesses

ACCA invites interested groups or communities to participate in its November 30th Rise and Shine videoconference on Attracting Local Capital.

The session will examine success stories in Alberta where local communities raised capital to enable the ownership transition of local businesses. Following the transitions, each business experienced a remarkable growth in capacity, sales, and profit, most of which was returned to investors in the community. In addition to return to investors, the communities benefited with increased local business traffic and the related spin-off effects. Instead of losing yet another locally owned business, members of these communities have invested in their community's future.

Representatives from these projects will share their stories including the challenges they faced and how they overcame them.

Video-conference participants will also learn about the work that ACCA and its partners are doing to make investment in local businesses more attractive for community members. For example, there are ways to make local investing RRSP eligible; however, the administrative costs can be an obstacle. ACCA is working on ways to reduce those costs. The video-conference runs from 8:30 to 12:00 noon, Wednesday, November 30th. By using the video-conference system, groups from across the province can connect to learn from the presenters and from other communities. They can also engage in discussion in their own community as they explore ways to apply the lessons learned.

If your group or community is interested in participating, contact Richard Stringham, rstringham@acca.coop or phone: 780-823-0230 to explore connection options. In

addition, ACCA will have videoconference sites in two locations: Calgary and Edmonton. Individuals who wish to participate from either location, may [register here](#).

Community Connection Champions

- The Co-operators
- Central Alberta Rural Electrification Association
- Southern Alberta Rural Electrification Association

Network Supporter

Calgary Co-op
North East Gas Co-op Ltd.

Site Host Sponsorships

- Association of Alberta Co-op Seed Cleaning Plants
- Federated Co-operatives Ltd.
- United Farmers of Alberta

Get ready for 12/12/12!

The International Year of Cooperatives will kick-off in Canada on the 12th day of the 12th year at 12 different locations across the country! On January 12, 2012 the Canadian Cooperative Association will host the official Canadian launch of this much anticipated celebration of the worldwide cooperative movement.

In addition to hosting one of the 12 national launch sites, Alberta's IYC Advisory Committee decided to build on the 12/12/12 theme by supporting 12 additional launch experiences across the province on January 12. Each of these additional launch sites will be hosted by a local cooperative with support from the IYC Advisory Committee. Each event should have:

1. A press conference for local media.
2. An open house to encourage local community participation in IYC.
3. The ability to show video and possibly live footage from other launch events.

Application Process:

If you are interested in hosting an IYC 2012 launch event in Alberta, please send the following information to Sarah Arthurs by email at iyc@acca.coop by November 10.

- Co-op Name
- Location
- Type of co-op
- Contact name, email and phone number
- Are you collaborating with other co-ops in your community to be a launch site?
- What unique part of the Alberta co-op story does your launch site represent (location, history, type of co-op)?
- A description of the unique contribution your site could make to the launch (children singing O Canada, raising the IYC flag, costumes, other languages besides English, unique site, etc.).
- Your capacity to host a press conference and open house in your community.
- Your ability to provide video footage of your site and co-op staff and members in advance of the event for use in the Alberta IYC montage that will be produced and provided for showing at your launch event. Please provide the name and contact information of the person doing the filming.

Create a Co-op Cluster!

Raise awareness about the International Year of Cooperatives (IYC) 2012 by creating a Co-op Cluster! Team up with your neighbor cooperatives and credit unions to create local events that celebrate and share the story of Alberta co-ops.

We encourage all cooperatives to participate in a local Co-op Cluster. Better yet, take the lead and be the first to host one in your community! See the following pages for a sample invitation and some suggestions on hosting a successful Co-op Cluster meeting.

To support the development and success of your Co-op Cluster, the IYC Advisory Committee will provide the following:

- A Google map that will identify where co-ops and credit unions are located, including their contact information (currently in development).
- Conference calls to help you connect with, share and learn from other Alberta cooperatives and Co-op Clusters. The following calls have been scheduled. Additional calls will be held throughout 2012. Please RSVP to iyc@acca.coop for call details.
- November 7, 2011 at 10:30am
- December 12, 2011 at 10:30am

If you are interested in leading or participating in a Co-op Cluster, email iyc@acca.coop. To avoid a duplication of efforts, we'll connect you with other interested participants in your community.

CAREER FOCUS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

We are still looking for interns as well as host organizations. If any of these interns interests you, please give Dianne a call at (780) 963-3766.

These are truly amazing individuals and are eager to start their careers.

I have the following interns looking for positions:

Bachelor of Arts - Double Major in Political Science and Philosophy

Bachelor of Science - Major in Earth and Atmospheric Science, Minor in Political Science

Bachelor of Physical Education and Recreation

Chemical Engineer

Degree in Transport Management and Environmental Management

ACCA Training Workshops 2012

ACCA is pleased to announce the new ACCA Winter 2012 Workshop Brochure which is available for download from our website [here](#).

This year there are three workshops available to attend:

- * Co-operative Basics
- * Financial Analysis and Planning for Non-Financial Managers: Beginner and Advanced
- * Parliamentary Procedures

**NEED CHRISTMAS GIFTS OR JUST SOMETHING
SPECIAL FOR YOURSELF?**

*GET READY FOR THE ACCA LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION ON-
LINE AUCTION*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...
AUCTION STARTS ON **NOVEMBER 21st!**

Details to follow shortly on the ACCA website!!!

Our office has moved!!!

As of October 1st, 2011, our office moved upstairs to #202. Please change your records accordingly.



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