

## **Links to Co-operative Businesses:**

### **Co-ops that you might recognize:**

[Ocean Spray](#) (Producer Co-operative- owned by 700 cranberry farmers in North & south America)

[Gay Lea Foods Co-operative](#) (Producer Co-operative- Dairy Co-op owned by over 1400 dairy farmers in Ontario and Manitoba)

[Home Hardware](#) (Producer Co-operative- the chain is co-operatively owned by over 1100 independently owned member stores. They share marketing, distribution, buying power etc.)

[Co-operators](#) (Financial Co-operative- an insurance and investment company that operates all across Canada)

[Desjardins](#) (Financial Co-operative- started in 1900 as North America's first credit union. Now the largest financial co-operative in North America.)

[Agropur](#) (Producer Co-operative- Dairy Co-op producing many different brands in Canada and the U.S.)

[Associated Press \(AP\)](#) An American non-profit co-operative. Its members are U.S. newspapers and broadcasters. Many newspapers and broadcasters outside the United States are AP subscribers. AP is one of the largest and most trusted sources of news in all formats in the world.

[Green Bay Packers](#) (They are a co-operative, non-profit, community owned professional sports team owned by 361,300 fans and are the most successful team in NFL history.)

[Saskatchewan Roughriders](#) (A co-operative football team in the Canadian Football League. Owned by approximately 12,000 fans.)

### **Student Housing Co-operatives in Ontario:**

Student Housing Co-operatives are not for profit student housing. Accommodations for students by students. The members (residents) make decisions about their individual residence and the organization as a whole that best suit their needs. Student co-operative housing is more affordable than other types of student housing and gives residents a say in how their housing is operated.

[Kingston Student Housing Co-operative](#) (Kingston, ON)

[Campus Co-operative Residences](#) (Toronto, ON)

[Neill-Wycik](#) (Toronto, ON)

[WCRI](#) (Waterloo, ON)

[Guelph Campus Co-op](#) (Guelph, ON)

## **Design & Technology Co-operatives:**

[People Design Co-operative](#) (Toronto, Ontario.)

[Arise Architecture](#) - Guelph, ON -Architecture

[Design Co-operative](#) Florida, U.S.- architecture and design

[Hypha Co-operative](#) Southern Ontario, Tech, web-design, data management

[Microfactory Co-op](#) Cobourg, Ontario- Hardware prototypes, software.

[Savvy Co-operative](#) U.S.- patient owned data co-op ([Watch their video!](#))

[Meet.coop](#)- UK - Co-operative version of Zoom

[Ko\\_op](#)- Montreal , Video game design worker co-op

[Baseline](#)- Quebec City, AI worker Co-op

[CanTrust Hosting](#)- Canada, Worker Co-op- Open source APPS

[Interstitial Co-op](#)- North America, Technology Worker Co-op

[Loomio](#)- UK, Platform Co-op - Decision making/co-working platform

For a full list of technology related co-ops from around the world, [click here](#)

## **Co-operatives with a focus on building, sustainability & green**

### **energy:**

[Fourth Pig Construction Co-operative](#) (GTA)

[EnerGreen Builders Co-operative](#) (New Brunswick)

[Sun Certified Builders Co-operative](#) (Winnipeg, Manitoba)

[ClimateCare Canada](#), (Canada)

[Zooshare Co-operative](#) (GTA)

[Aster Group Co-operative](#) (New Brunswick)

[Wood Shop Co-operative](#) (Vancouver, BC)

[Sustainability Solutions Group Co-operative](#) (Canada wide)

[Union Sustainable Development Co-operative](#) (Waterloo, ON)

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### **Gig Economy**

[Direct Local Eats](#)- Guelph, Ontario- Platform co-op

[Fair BNB](#)- UK, Platform Co-op

[The Driver's Co-operative](#)- New York, US- Platform co-op

### **Arts and Theatre**

[Aron Theatre](#)- Campbellford, Ontario

[Seize the Means](#)- Vancouver

[Saskatchewan Film Pool Co-operative](#)- Sask.

[Tenk](#)- Montreal

[Blackfish Collective Photography](#) - B.C., We are a registered co-operative of photographers and creatives offering a variety of bespoke photographic services.

[SMART Co-operative](#)- International, Entrepreneurship support (Creative Arts/gig economy)

### **Daycare and Education**

[My Cool Class](#)- Platform Co-op

[Freedom Dreams Education Co-operative](#)- Canada, Co-operative development and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Training and Education

[Skill Squirrel](#), Toronto, Ontario

[Community Partners for Success](#), Quinte Region

[Sunshine Heights Day Care](#), Port Hope, Ontario

[St.Lawrence Co-operative Day Care](#), Toronto, ON

### **Business Development- Shared Services-**

#### **Consulting**

[The Kitchen Collective](#)- Hamilton Ontario

[Black Women Professional Worker Co-operative](#)- Toronto, Ontario

[Blooming Ladies Co-operative](#)- North America

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[Co-active](#)- B.C., Canada

[Ambient Book-keeping](#)- Saskatchewan

[GIA Consulting](#)- Vancouver

[Co-operative Cleaners of Ontario](#)- GTA, Worker owned cleaning service

[Sangudo Opportunity Development Co-operative](#) - Edmonton, Alberta - Community Development

[Pathways Archaeological Co-operative](#) - BC, Pathways is committed to working with with a diverse client base to fulfill archaeological assessment requirements.

#### **Healthcare**

[Align Co-operative](#)- Canada

[Homecare Workers Co-operative](#)- Peterborough & Durham, Ontario- Worker Co-op

[Developmental Service Worker Co-op](#)- Ottawa, Ontario- Worker Co-op

[Healthy Minds Co-operative](#)- Dartmouth, Nova Scotia- Consumer Co-op

[Outaouais Paramedics Cooperative](#)- Quebec, Worker Co-op

[Brave Co-operative](#)- BC, Platform Co-op- Makes overdose life saving detection tools.

## **Cafes & Restaurants**

[The Seasoned Spoon](#)- Trent University Campus, Peterborough- Consumer co-op

[Lunik Co-op](#)- York University Campus, Toronto- Consumer co-op

[Glitter Bean Cafe](#)- Halifax, Nova Scotia- Worker co-op

[Eadha Bread Co-operative](#)- Winnipeg

[Retournzy Co-op](#) - Montreal (Reusable containers)

## **Retail & Wholesale**

[London Skateboard Co-op](#)- London Ontario, Worker Co-op

[London Food Co-op](#)- London Ontario, Consumer Co-op

[London Brewing Co-operative](#)- London, Ontario, Worker Co-op

[Gender Gear](#)- Toronto, Ontario

[Karma Grocery Co-op](#)- Toronto, Ontario

[Garden Centre Group Co-op](#), Mississauga, ON

[Modern Sales Co-op](#), Barrie, Ontario

## **Agriculture**

[Ag Energy](#), Guelph, Ontario

[Growmark](#), Guelph

[Ontario Goat Dairy Co-operative](#), Teeswater

[Northwest Beef](#), Northern Ontario

[Beef Farmers of Ontario](#), Guelph, Ontario

[Conestoga Meats](#), Breslau, Ontario

## **Funeral**

[Green Burial Ottawa Valley Co-operative](#), Ottawa, ON

[Funeral Co-operative of Ottawa](#), Ottawa, Ontario

## **Telecommunications**

[Hay Communications](#), Zurich, Ontario

[Quadro Communications](#), Kirkton, Ontario

[Brooke Telecom](#), Inwood, Ontario

## **Social Purpose**

[Team Werks Co-operative](#), Thunder Bay, Ontario

[Y's Owl Maclure Co-operative Centre](#), Ottawa

[Common Ground Co-operative](#), Toronto, Ontario

[Bridge City Bike Co-op](#) - Saskatchewan

[Core Neighbourhood Youth Co-op](#) - Saskatchewan

[Community Partners for Success](#)- Trenton, ON-

Programming, resources and support for vulnerable populations

## **Credit Unions & Financial Co-operatives**

**(Just a few examples)**

[Kawartha Credit Union](#), Ontario

[Kingston Community Credit Union](#), Kingston, ON

[Frontline Credit Union](#), Ottawa

[Meridian Credit Union](#), Ontario

[Northern Credit Union](#), Ontario

## **Music:**

[The Pack Music Co-op](#)- (In progress) Australian music streaming service

[Soul City Music Co-op](#)- Windsor, ON, Co-op record label ([CBC Article](#))

[Indy Music Co-op](#)- Indianapolis Music Co-operative (in progress), Community space for musicians

[Evolutionary Music Co-operative](#)- Toronto, ON, Recording, production, promotion, performances.

[New York Music Co-op](#)- New York, Music instruction, performances.

[Canadian Musicians Co-op](#)- Barrie, ON, Emerging artist program, professional development, pre-professional program, no more starving artists program

[MK Music Co-op](#)- Milton Keynes, UK, Association of specialized music teachers.

[Western Montana Musicians Co-op](#)- Montana, USA, Jam nights, rehearsal space, workshops

[Resonate](#) - International- based in UK. Music streaming platform

[Mcopera](#) - Scotland, Scotland's only fully professional opera orchestra.

[Live Musicians Co-op](#) - Santa Rosa, California, USA, Studio and Rehearsal space

[Cape Breton Music Industry Cooperative](#) - Sydney, Nova Scotia, Professional development and industry training, showcases.

[Music 4 Coop](#) - Spain, Supports co-operative development in the music industry to create a more sustainable and fair industry for all levels of musicians

[Deep Roots Music Co-operative](#) - Dedicated to developing and promoting the music scene in Annapolis Valley, Nova Scotia. Known for their yearly music festival.

[Groupmuse](#) - United States, Paris, London, Performance booking/promotion platform.

[The Artist Co-operative](#) - California, USA. Promotion, marketing, record label.

[Vancouver Co-op Radio](#) - Vancouver, BC, Community owned radio station

[Golden Co-op Radio](#) - (In progress) Golden, BC. Community owned radio station

[The Luthiers Co-op](#) - Massachusetts, USA. Musical instruments sales & repairs, live music venue, bar and restaurant.

[Downtown Sounds Workers Co-op](#) - Massachusetts, USA. Worker owned music store.

[Sinfonia Musicisti](#) - UK, Co-operative orchestra

**\*\*All these [client stories from Co-operatives First](#) are pretty cool!**