

# Connected Communities: Solutions from Around the World & Co-operative Resources and Learning Package

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## International Year of Cooperatives (2025)

The United Nations General Assembly officially proclaimed 2025 as the International Year of Cooperatives (IYC) through Resolution, to underscore cooperatives' vital role in advancing sustainable development, eradicating poverty, and fostering inclusive economic growth. More at: [2025.coop/iyc/](http://2025.coop/iyc/)

"Following this, the UN [has adopted a resolution](#) calling on governments worldwide to strengthen their support for co-ops, with measures including plans for an International Year of Cooperatives (IYC) every 10 years. Adopted on 15 December, resolution A/RES/80/182 recognises the global importance of co-operatives, and calls for broad measures to support them such as improved legal and regulatory frameworks, enhanced access to capital and fair taxation, support for agricultural and financial co-operatives, plus expanded digital access, data collection, public awareness, and gender equality." ([www.thenews.coop/un-declares-international-year-of-co-operatives-every-10-years/](http://www.thenews.coop/un-declares-international-year-of-co-operatives-every-10-years/))

## Revisiting the Statement on the Co-operative Identity

Since 1995, the global co-op sector has been using a definition, set of values (10) and principles (7) to define what is unique about co-operatives, and to guide their behaviour. Over the past few years, there has been a global process to consider if the core of this identity still stands or whether it needs improving/adjusting. View the draft changes here: <https://coopidentity.ica.coop/draft-changes-to-the-statement-on-the-cooperative-identity>

Fun facts:

- The values are meant to be the bedrock of co-operative identity
- The principles are meant to inform how to operationalize the values
- Co-ops can take the principles and add to them to be more specific to their context

## The co-op world is a rich tapestry

Below find some places to stay informed of co-operative news and to connect with new communities. For a more extensive list, contact Erin.

## Co-op directories

(browse lists / maps showcasing co-ops and credit unions)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Link</u>	<u>Visited</u>
Cooperative World Map	<a href="https://worldmap.coop/">https://worldmap.coop/</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coops4Coops B2B Directory (Canada)	<a href="https://coops4coops.ca/">https://coops4coops.ca/</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Co-operation across Canada Database and Map	<a href="https://crm.canada.coop/en/map">https://crm.canada.coop/en/map</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Co-op research/academic associations

(many offering meetings, resources, libraries, journals, sometimes student- focused activities, some have scholarships)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Link</u>	<u>Visited</u>
IICADD PortailCoop (largest digital library on cooperatives and mutuels)	<a href="https://iicadd.hec.ca/en/">https://iicadd.hec.ca/en/</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>
International Co-operative Alliance Committee on Co-operative Research	<a href="http://ccr.ica.coop/">http://ccr.ica.coop/</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Association of Cooperative Educators	<a href="https://www.ace.coop/">https://www.ace.coop/</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation	<a href="http://www.coopresearch.coop/">www.coopresearch.coop/</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Association for Nonprofit and Social Economy Research	<a href="https://www.anser-ares.ca/home/">https://www.anser-ares.ca/home/</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Co-op system associations

(many with conferences, newsletters, directories, publications)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Link</u>	<u>Visited</u>
International Centre for Co-operative Management (Saint Mary's University)	<a href="http://www.smu.ca/iccm/">www.smu.ca/iccm/</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Co-operatives and Mutuels Canada	<a href="https://canada.coop/en/">https://canada.coop/en/</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>
National Co-operative Business Association (US and int'l)	<a href="https://ncbaclusa.coop/">https://ncbaclusa.coop/</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cooperatives UK	<a href="https://www.uk.coop/">https://www.uk.coop/</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>
International Co-operative Alliance	<a href="https://ica.coop/">https://ica.coop/</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Canadian Worker Co-op Federation	<a href="http://canadianworker.coop/">http://canadianworker.coop/</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>
National Association of Housing Cooperatives (US)	<a href="http://coophousing.org/">http://coophousing.org/</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cooperative Housing International	<a href="http://www.housinginternational.coop">www.housinginternational.coop</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Conferences and Events

<u>Name</u>	<u>Link</u>	<u>Visited</u>
Global Innovation Coop Summit	<a href="http://www.globalinnovation.coop">www.globalinnovation.coop</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Association for Co-operative Educators' Institute	<a href="https://www.ace.coop/">https://www.ace.coop/</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>
NASCO Co-op Education and Training Institute	<a href="https://www.nasco.coop/">https://www.nasco.coop/</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Co-operatives and Mutuels Canada Congress	<a href="https://canada.coop/en/events/">https://canada.coop/en/events/</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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## Read on...

<u>Name</u>	<u>Link</u>	<u>Visited</u>
Global reports and news	<a href="https://ccr.ica.coop/en/newsroom/news">https://ccr.ica.coop/en/newsroom/news</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Co-op News	<a href="https://www.thenews.coop/">https://www.thenews.coop/</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>
50 online co-operative libraries linked here	<a href="ed.coop/library/">ed.coop/library/</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>
UK Journal for Co-operative Studies	<a href="https://www.ukscs.coop/pages/journal-of-co-op-studies">https://www.ukscs.coop/pages/journal-of-co-op-studies</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grassroots Economic Organizing	<a href="https://geo.coop/content">https://geo.coop/content</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b><u>Social media tags:</u></b>	#coop #creditunion #gocoop #lyc25 #CooperativesBuildaBetterWorld #Coops4SDGs #CoopsYear #CreditUnionProud #CooperativeValues	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Listen on (podcasts)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Link</u>	<u>Visited</u>
Everything Co-op with Vernon Oakes	<a href="https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/everything-co-op-with-vernon-oakes/id1332011146">https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/everything-co-op-with-vernon-oakes/id1332011146</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Each for all – Vancouver Co-op Radio	<a href="https://eachforall.coop/">https://eachforall.coop/</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Co-ops Building a Better World (The Co-op News Podcast)	<a href="http://www.thenews.coop/podcast/">www.thenews.coop/podcast/</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LIFT Economy – Next Economy Now podcast	<a href="http://www.lifteconomy.com/podcast/">http://www.lifteconomy.com/podcast/</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Common Share Podcast (Co-operatives First, Canada)	<a href="https://cooperativesfirst.com/common-share-podcast/">https://cooperativesfirst.com/common-share-podcast/</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Co-operative Management Education grad Josh Noble interviewing leaders from credit unions as part of his Saint Mary's coursework	<a href="https://podcasts.apple.com/ca/podcast/well-capitalized/id1223838063">https://podcasts.apple.com/ca/podcast/well-capitalized/id1223838063</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laura Flanders & Friends (Spotlights movements driving systemic change)	<a href="https://lauraflanders.org/listen/">https://lauraflanders.org/listen/</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All Things Co-op Podcast (full access up to 2022 for \$2.50 a month)	<a href="https://www.patreon.com/collection/929570">https://www.patreon.com/collection/929570</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>