

Building Community: Creating Social & Economic Well-Being – The Exhibits

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This exhibit, **Building Community: Creating Social and Economic Well-Being** was mounted in the Diefenbaker Canada Centre at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon, Canada in May 2011. The preparation of the exhibit was a joint project by the [Centre for the Study of Co-operatives](#) and the [Diefenbaker Canada Centre](#).

This exhibition of research results focusing on co-operatives and the social economy encourages visitors to imagine what is possible in their communities and illustrates how to make those dreams become a reality. The results coming out of the Centre's [Social Economy Research Project](#) forms the core of this exhibit.

Suitable for all ages, the exhibit examines the following four interrelated subthemes:

- **Building Sustainable Communities**
- **Building Engaged Communities**
- **Building Enterprising Communities**
- **Building Inclusive Communities**

The exhibit as a whole has since toured to the following communities and events:

- [Melfort, Saskatchewan, October 2011](#)
- Montreal, Quebec | Canadian Co-operative Association (CCA) Annual General Meeting | June 2012
- Saskatoon, Saskatchewan | Mendel Art Gallery | Co-operating to Build a Better West Conference, October/November 2012
- Swift Current, Saskatchewan | Swift Current Museum | November 14, 2012 to January 18, 2013

The exhibit has also been reimagined as 3 unique provincially-focused traveling exhibits designed to best suit the communities to which they will travel. Follow the links below for more information about each of the traveling exhibits, their traveling schedules, and contact information should you wish to inquire about having an exhibit come to your community.

- [The Northern Ontario Building Community Traveling Exhibit](#)
- [The Manitoba Building Community Traveling Exhibit](#)
- [The Saskatchewan Building Community Traveling Exhibit](#)

In order to make the exhibit available to those unable to visit it in person, we have created a virtual version that

you can find [here](#). Click the button below to access it.

For inquiries about having an exhibit displayed in your community, please contact the [Centre for the Study of Co-operatives](#) or refer to the contact information provided for each of the three traveling exhibits.







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Where did you eat Yesterday? Where did you come from? Did you buy it from the grocery store? Did you prepare it at home? Did you get to the shelves? Is it Healthy? Has the grower been fairly compensated?

Most of us drive to the grocery stores. We select items based on our knowledge about where they come from. Community-supported agriculture connects local growers with farmers' market consumers, with farmers selling their products directly to the consumer. This system builds healthy local economies and empowers consumers knowledge about how their food is produced.

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Building Sustainable Communities Today's Youth, Tomorrow's Leaders



Today's Youth, Tomorrow's Leaders Saskatchewan Co-operative Youth Program

Education is a core principle of the co-operative movement, and formal co-op education has been important in the development of co-ops across Saskatchewan since the early 1920s. The first official Co-op School, held in 1928, evolved into the Saskatchewan Co-operative Youth Program (SCYP) in 1970. It continues to the present day and has educated more than 42,000 young people to date.



Saskatchewan Co-operative Youth Program



The first Co-op School, held at the University of Saskatchewan, featured lectures on the principles of co-operation and co-operation. The schools were created to educate people about co-op principles in order to sustain and help it to grow in new areas. Co-op sponsored hundreds of students, becoming many new co-op leaders.



