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## **Launch of the Youth Ambassadors for the Collective Economy of Ontario Program**

**Ottawa, August 12, 2019** – The Conseil de la coopération de l'Ontario (CCO) is happy to officially announce the launch of the Youth Ambassadors for the Collective Economy of Ontario Program. This program is made possible by the financial contribution of Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) through their program Service Youth Canada.

Through this program, 24 youth from across the province will have the opportunity to participate in a training weekend in Ottawa in 2019. The program's participants will learn more about the social and co-operative economy in Ontario, the issues of engagement, citizen engagement and volunteerism. By returning to their communities, young people will thus become real ambassadors of the collective economy and contribute to developing a network of engaged and dynamic young people, getting involved in finding solutions for the challenges of today and tomorrow.

To participate, youth (ages 16 to 30) will be required to participate in a call for nominations, and to demonstrate to the selection committee their devotion and commitment to their community. The project is inclusive, open to everyone's participation, and completely bilingual (French / English). Participation information, rules, requirements and the application form will be available soon on our website.

"We are extremely proud to be able to deliver this program. The issues of involvement in community life and citizen participation, as well as active volunteerism, have been at the heart of our thinking here at the CCO for a long time," said Julien Geremie Executive Director of the CCO. "We hope to help create a vibrant and prosperous network, while benefiting the province's youth. We'd like to thank ESDC for giving us the means to realize this real impact project. "

The CCO invites all those interested in this program to contact directly at the following address: [jean-francois.parent@cco.coop](mailto:jean-francois.parent@cco.coop). Stay tuned on our social media and through our newsletter for the official announcement of the start of the nomination period for this project.

The CCO is extremely proud to be able to support youth engagement and active participation in building a better future for our communities and building the capacity of our citizens.



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### **About the Conseil de la coopération de l'Ontario:**

The Conseil de la coopération de l'Ontario is the organization of choice for education, promotion, collaboration and advisory services to ensure the sustainable development of French-language and Bilingual cooperatives and social enterprises in Ontario. The CCO has offices in Ottawa, Toronto, Sudbury, Windsor and Temiskaming Shores, Winsor and Thunder Bay.

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