

CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING FEDERATION OF CANADA

2010 Federations Conference



Sizing up our future: building a common strategy for the federations

October 21-23, 2010

Ottawa, Ontario | Albert at Bay Suites



Mark your calendars now! Be sure you keep October 21 to 23 open so you can join us at the 2010 Federations Conference. This biennial event is a key professional development and networking opportunity for federations across the country.

Sizing up our future: building a common strategy for the federations

In the future, success for federations will rely in large part on continued work with like-minded partners. Working in close collaboration with regional federations and other sector organizations could permit the expansion of the range and efficiency of member services to meet the increasingly complex services housing co-ops are going to require.

Breaking new ground: sector-wide strategic priorities

In the spring of 2010 the federations, agreed in principle to the pursuit of a single strategic plan for matters of common importance to all federations and their members. It is clear that there is a strong alignment between co-op housing federations about the movement's key strategic goals, but coming together to identify sector-wide strategic priorities is new ground. A steering committee was struck to elaborate on this idea - a merger of ideas - and the result of their work is reflected in the program of the 2010 federations conference.

This conference is an opportunity for federations and sector leaders to come together and discuss these proposed priorities in more detail. The timing is apt for this type of initiative. As we ask co-ops to prepare for the future, sector organizations need to lead by example. And, through information technology, the further exchange of information and views, at a distance, will be made even easier.

Federations: planning for success

Harmonizing program priorities, sharing resources and scrutinizing how we are organized as a sector, are only a few examples of approaches to scale for sector organizations. Through a series of panels and discussions we'll look at how federations can plan for success by:

- delivering and improving value for membership
- meeting the service and representation needs of members
- being financially self-supporting
- ensuring well governed and soundly managed organizations
- delivering consistent messaging
- responding to regional needs
- using economies of scale through closer working partnerships



Who should attend the conference?

Federation staff will get the most from the professional development opportunity the conference offers. And it's a great chance for your regional leaders to broaden their knowledge base and stay on top of today's key issues and resources, like the 2020 Vision Project and emerging sector priorities.

This will be a dynamic conference where sharing ideas and experience will be more important than the traditional workshop format. Using a combination of panels, discussion forums and plenary sessions, we'll be exploring these issues and more.



Registration

Registration for panels and discussion groups

Attached is the registration form for the conference. Please fill it out and return it with payment to:

Attention: Catherine Cummings
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Fees

- \$650 for the first participant from a federation
- \$550 for each additional participant from a federation
- \$800 for non-members

Fees include

- keynote speaker
- plenary sessions
- panels and discussions
- reception Thursday evening
- Friday lunch
- Saturday lunch

Discount for small federations

If your federation has less than 1,000 units, the fee for the first participant is \$550 and for second and subsequent participants \$450.

Special needs

If you have special dietary needs, please fill in this section on the registration form. If you have other special needs we should be aware of, please list them as well.

Language

One session in each time period will have simultaneous translation. This is indicated along with the description of the session. All plenary sessions will have translation as well.

Travel

You are responsible for your own travel arrangements. To book your flight, call Julie Robinson at Canadian Travel Co-op at 1-800-263-5241.

Hotel

You are responsible for making your own hotel arrangements. CHF Canada has negotiated a special rate of \$142.00 per night with the Albert at Bay Suite Hotel located at 435 Albert Street Ottawa. To get the special rate, mention that you are part of the CHF Canada Federations Conference. The hotel phone number is (613) 238-8858 or toll free (800)267-6644. You can obtain more information on the hotel by visiting their website at www.albertatbay.com.



The 2010 Federations Conference

Program

The Federations Conference takes place over three days, October 21-23, 2010, beginning with the welcome reception on Thursday evening and followed by two full days of plenary and discussion sessions.

Thursday, October 21, 2010

4:00 p.m. Registration
7:00 p.m. Welcome reception

Friday, October 22, 2010

9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Opening plenary

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Plenary

12:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Lunch / Guest Speaker

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Plenary

3:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Plenary

Saturday, October 23, 2010

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Plenary

10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Panels and discussion groups

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Panels and discussion groups

3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Panels and discussion groups

4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Closing plenary