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Newfoundland-Labrador  
**Federation of  
Co-operatives**

# NLFC

# 75

**CO-OPS:  
THE  
SOLUTION  
MOVEMENT**

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CONFERENCE  
TRADESHOW

Sheraton Hotel - St. John's

# JUN 21-22

# NLFC 75 SUPPORTERS





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# NLFC75

CO-OPS: THE SOLUTION MOVEMENT

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## “Co-ops: The Solution Movement - Celebrating 75 Years”

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“Co-ops solve problems. In our province, Co-operatives and Credit Unions have always been foundational to the success of our rural and metro areas alike. In every sector, solution-based organizations are becoming more critical than ever. Our co-op members – who today comprise a fifth of the provincial population – are part of a growing ‘solution movement’, built to sustain our diverse communities and resources.”

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# Welcome All

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“On behalf of the NLFC board of directors, welcome to NLFC 75 a celebration of 75 years of co-operation in Newfoundland & Labrador. I am excited about the future of co-operation in this province as a growing sector poised to meet, head-on, the opportunities and challenges to help shape the future of our province.”



**Lloyd Hayden**  
PRESIDENT



**Dave Walsh**  
MANAGING DIRECTOR

“The future holds immense potential for the Co-operative sector of Newfoundland & Labrador. By remaining true to our co-op values while adapting to a changing world, together we can create continued success, shared prosperity, and a vibrant co-operative movement that sets a national standard.”



# Our Team

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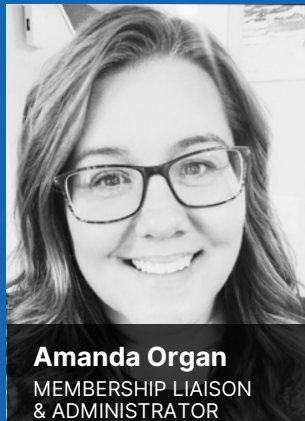
We proudly represent the co-operatives and credit unions of Newfoundland & Labrador. We present a united voice for the co-op sector and represent the collective interests of our members through interactions with other co-op organizations, federal and provincial governments, and external developmental agencies.

We promote the co-op model at every opportunity, as a sustainable and community-minded approach to a better future, using our member co-ops and credit unions as the prime example of how co-operative thinking is already a major contributor to the economic and social development of our communities.

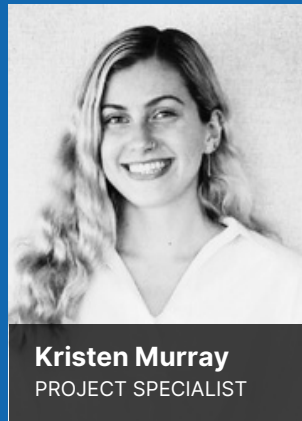
The NLFC are a small but mighty team of four who exude passion for the co-op sector and the membership of the Federation. The NLFC are excited for what the future holds for the next 75 years of co-operation in Newfoundland & Labrador.



**Dave Walsh**  
MANAGING DIRECTOR



**Amanda Organ**  
MEMBERSHIP LIAISON  
& ADMINISTRATOR



**Kristen Murray**  
PROJECT SPECIALIST



**Meaghan Larkin**  
PROJECT ASSISTANT

## Membership Growth

Membership of the NLFC has grown from **32** to **46** member co-ops and associate members in the past year.





# NLFC 75 Schedule

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**Friday June 21**

## **Celebrating Heritage and Achievements**

5:00 pm

### **Pre-Registration for AGM Delegates**

 Foyer

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6:00 pm

### **Trade Show, Networking & Cocktail Reception**

 Foyer & Court Garden

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7:00 pm

### **Evening Welcome**

 Court Garden

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7:30 pm

### **Uncovering the Co-op Past**

 Court Garden

**Speaker:** Israt Lipa, Historian

An exploration of the storied history of co-operatives in Newfoundland & Labrador.

8:00 pm

### **Film Screening: 75 Years of Co-operation in Newfoundland & Labrador**

 Court Garden

**Speaker:** Olivia Garrett, Film Maker

A film celebrating 75 years of co-operation in Newfoundland & Labrador.

8:30 pm

### **Interactive Q&A: The History of Co-operation in Our Province**

 Court Garden

**Speakers:** Glen Fitzpatrick, Israt Lipa, Lloyd Hayden, Olivia Garrett

A panel discussion celebrating our unique co-operative history of Newfoundland & Labrador.



# NLFC 75 Schedule

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**Saturday June 22**

## **Embracing Innovation and Future Challenges**

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8:00 am **Breakfast: Sponsored by Government of Newfoundland & Labrador**



 Garrison Room

Buffet breakfast with welcome and greetings beginning from the podium at 8:30 am.

9:00 am **Speaker Series: Innovations in Co-operation**

 Garrison Room

### **Terrington Kids Co-op**

**Speaker:** Suzanne Pottle

Suzanne Pottle with Terrington Co-op will introduce you to the new Terrington Co-op Kid's Club. The Club is focused on providing free, fun activities for the children of Terrington Co-op's members.

### **The Worker Co-op Model: Opportunity for Newfoundland & Labrador**

**Speakers:** Juliet Kego, Rosa Poirer-McKiggen

Juliet Kego of Whole Women Network Co-op/Black Women Professional Co-op and Rosa Poirer-McKiggen of Glitter Bean Cafe Co-op/Saint Mary's University International Centre for Co-operative Management to discuss their experiences with the worker co-op model as a powerful model for the future of work, particularly for equity-denied groups.

### **Indigenous Co-operation: History, Connections, and the Future**

**Speaker:** Melissa Samms

Melissa Samms of First Light will present how co-operatives fit within Indigenous history and contemporary Indigenous realities, how our values align, and how we can support each other moving into the future.

### **Democratic by Design: Empowering Communities with Platform Co-ops**

**Speaker:** Robert Smith

Discover how people are empowering their communities and reshaping local economies with digital platform co-ops, co-creating prosperity, justice, and equity. Learn how these democratic, community-driven models ensure fair wealth distribution and promote sustainable, inclusive growth for a brighter future.

### **The First Funeral Co-operative in Newfoundland & Labrador**

**Speaker:** Jimmy Fournier

Jimmy Fournier of the Funeral Co-op Network discusses the funeral co-op model that has seen immense success in Quebec and the milestone acquisition, and conversion project, of Noel's Funeral Home and Green's Funeral Home to form Sunrise Funeral Co-operative, the first of its kind in our province!



# NLFC 75 Schedule

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## Saturday June 22 Continued...

### Embracing Innovation and Future Challenges

10:30 am **Break**

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10:45 am **Speaker Series: Opportunities and Future Challenges**

 Garrison Room

#### **Working Capital Financing**

**Speaker:** Kent Farrell

The Province of Newfoundland and Labrador has entered into an agreement with Credit Unions to provide a partial loan guarantee program. Kent Farrell, with Newfoundland & Labrador Credit Union, will outline the details of this new partnership, which focuses on providing working capital to co-operatives and small businesses.

#### **The Canadian Co-op Ecosystem**

**Speaker:** Dan Brunette

An overview of the Canadian co-op ecosystem from coast, to coast, to coast. With Co-ops & Mutuals Canada.

#### **Why Embracing Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) is Good for Business**

**Speaker:** Cyndy Stead

Shaped by its core values, the co-operative sector already believes in social responsibility and seeks to foster a sense of community, belonging, and shared purpose, supporting the fact that embracing equity, diversity & inclusion (EDI) is good for business. In a world where businesses play a pivotal role in shaping both our communities and our economies, co-operative members in Newfoundland & Labrador are the perfect advocates to accelerate inclusion.

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12:00 pm **Lunch, Networking & Trade Show Booths**

 Garrison Room

Buffet lunch included with the NLFC Full Pass, a lunch ticket can also be purchased for \$25 onsite or you may wish to try one of the many amazing nearby restaurants.

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# NLFC 75 Schedule

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## Saturday June 22 Continued...

### Embracing Innovation and Future Challenges

#### 1:30 pm **Panel Discussions: Innovations in Co-operation**

 Garrison Room

##### **New Co-op Solutions for Newfoundland & Labrador**

**Speakers:** Kristen Murray, David Ellis, Sue Asquith, Emilly Rocha, Julia Bloomquist, Kimberly Orren, Thomas Mengel

Kristen Murray, Project Specialist with NLFC, will discuss two innovative NLFC approaches to co-operative development. The Social Enterprise Through Acquisition Project, which supports co-operative conversions in rural NL, and the Co-op Incubator Pilot Program. Kristen will provide updates on both initiatives and be joined by project participants.

##### **Agricultural Co-ops in Newfoundland & Labrador**

**Speakers:** Shanti Samaroo, Josh Smee, John Griffin, Pam Anstey, Tara Lehman

The province's natural renewable resources of fisheries, aquaculture, forestry, agriculture and agrifoods align with co-operative principle seven: Concern for Community. Join our discussion on how are co-ops poised as stewards of our resources through innovative management now, and into the future.

#### 2:30 pm **Break**

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#### 2:45 pm **Opportunities & Future Challenges**

Both sessions below will be taking place concurrently. Please select the session you wish to attend and find the corresponding room.

##### **Co-operative Housing in Newfoundland & Labrador**

**Speakers:** Jaclyn Johnston, Ros Langer, Wendy Reid-Fairhurst

 Garrison Room

Jaclyn Johnston, Atlantic Program Manager, Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada (CHF Canada) will give an overview on CHF Canada, its support to the Co-op sector, and the Vision of Co-operative Housing For All. Ros Langer of The Co-operative Housing Association of NL will give a brief history and overview of the landscape, current opportunities and challenges of the NL co-operative housing sector. Wendy Reid Fairhurst will give an overview of the project and process of establishing Killick Ecovillage Co-operative, the first housing co-op to form in the province since 1991.



# NLFC 75 Schedule

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**Saturday June 22 Continued...**

## **Embracing Innovation and Future Challenges**

### **CarShare NL: A Cooperative Ready for Relaunch**

**Speakers:** Josh Smee, Meghan Hollett

 Signal Hill Room

Across Canada, carsharing co-operatives provide access to vehicles without the expense and risk of ownership. CarShare NL was created several years ago for this purpose and is ready for re-launch. This session will outline the model, the work done, and what is needed to get it off the ground.

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### **4:00 pm NLFC 75th Annual General Meeting**

 Garrison Room

The 75th Annual General Meeting will begin at 4:00pm sharp. An additional AGM specific package is available for pick up at our registration table. The AGM is for NLFC members and assigned voting delegates. Viewers are welcome to attend.



# NLFC 75 Schedule

**Saturday Evening June 22**

## **NLFC Banquet**

 Court Yard

6:30 pm **Cocktail Reception & Networking**

7:30 pm **Banquet Dinner: Sponsored By Co-operators**



**Guest Speaker:** Cory Munden

When Fogo Islanders learned their bank was leaving the community after 110 years of service, they were shocked. Cory Munden, CEO of Atlantic Edge Credit Union, recounts how he and his team came together to save banking services in Fogo Island.

### **NLFC Awards Ceremony**

The NLFC will recognize the immense contributions of special guests to the co-operative movement of Newfoundland & Labrador as well as honoring retiring directors. We will award the Tom Best Volunteer of the Year Award, Star Co-operator of the Year Award, Co-operative of the Year Award, Star Youth Co-operator of the Year Award, and Diversity Champion Award.

### **Screech In with the Royal Order of Newfoundland**

The Royal Order of Newfoundland will be on hand to officially screech in our “come from away” guests. You won’t want to miss this.

9:30 pm **Musical Entertainment by Flower Hill**



Flower Hill are Sherry Ryan (guitar and vocals), Andrea Monro (banjo and vocals), and Maria Cherwick (fiddle and vocals).

11:00 pm **Farewell**