

Project 35:

An overview of the different policy frameworks and organizational support systems for the support and development of student co-operatives in Quebec and Ontario

Objectives

- Provide an overview of the student co-operative sector in Ontario and Quebec
- Compare the policy/co-op frameworks for student co-ops in Ontario and Quebec
- Examine the relationships between academic institutions, student unions, and co-operatives
- Summarize key potential areas for growth for student co-operatives

Methodology

- Interviews
 - Student co-ops
 - Co-op federations
 - Government
 - Investors/financing
- Examination of policy documents
- Survey of student federations
- Case study: Grand House

Preliminary Findings

- Schools see co-ops as a partner as opposed to competition in Quebec
- Student co-ops are primarily Housing Co-ops in Ontario. There are no Student Housing Co-ops in Quebec.
- Co-op development funding and infrastructure is more readily available in Quebec

Case Study: Grand House

- Building of a housing co-op
- Specific group of individuals driving the project
- Ongoing development

Questions?

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