# Manitoba Cooperative Association Youth Committee TERMS OF REFERENCE

# <u>Purpose</u>

To advise on the Manitoba Cooperative Association on activities and programs to network and engage youth (under 35 years old) with cooperative models and principles and their relative advantages and opportunities.

### **Responsibilities**

- Make recommendations and provide guidance to the Manitoba Cooperative Association (MCA) regarding existing and future youth programming and relevant partnerships.
- Liaise with high schools, post-secondary academic institutions, and co-op youth networks regarding co-op curriculum and engagement.

### <u>Structure</u>

- The Committee shall be made up of a minimum of 3 individuals and a maximum of 6.
- Members of the Committee are appointed by MCA Board on an as needed basis.
- At least one member of the committee will be a member of the MCA Board.
- The Committee selects its own Chairperson who is a member of the MCA Board.
- The Committee reports to and is responsible to the MCA Board.

#### **Composition**

- At least one members of the committee will be a youth (under the age of 35 years old)
- The Committee will strive to have representation from the following:
  - Cooperatives with existing youth engagement activities
  - Members of existing co-op youth networks (i.e. Cooperatives and Mutuals Canada's Emerging Young Cooperators, Credit Union Young Leaders of Manitoba)
  - Academic Institutions
  - Volunteers of existing CY programming
  - People interested in engaging with youth and creating networking opportunities for youth and co-ops
- Where possible, committee members will come from MCA members, friends and associates.

# Meetings

• The Committee will meet at a minimum once per year, with other meetings as needed.