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ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MEMBER SERVICES MANAGER

After an extensive national search, the Canadian Worker Co-op Federation (CWCF) is pleased to announce the appointment of David Wilson as our new Communications and Member Services Manager. David has extensive experience in the field of Community Economic Development (CED), notably at Momentum (which was previously known as Mennonite Central Committee Employment Development), and *Thrive*, Calgary's CED Network.

He is working out of the Calgary office, and started in his position on January 4, 2010. His previous experience includes working as:

- Calgary Rent Bank Facilitator and Team Lead at Momentum (www.momentum.org)
- Coordinator, Calgary CED Network, now known as *Thrive* (www.thrivecalgary.org)
- Co-chair of Vibrant Community Calgary's Living Wage Action Team
- Youth and Family Counsellor, Wood's Homes

David has extensive experience writing, including for *Fast Forward* magazine, the *Calgary Herald* and a web site which he initiated and maintains, to help create "a more sustainable, equitable, and democratic Calgary." He has also engaged in research and writing on worker co-ops. He has done significant public speaking on issues such as affordable housing, sweatshops, and living wage. His current volunteer Board work includes: Arusha Centre (Treasurer); the Calgary Workers' Resource Centre (Treasurer); and the Hillhurst-Sunnyside Community Association (President). He was also previously on the Board of the Alberta CED Network Co-operative, co-chaired the Momentum Environment Committee, and has volunteered with the Parkland Institute. His education includes a Bachelor of Commerce degree in Accounting, and an Honours BSc in Psychology. He articulated in accounting with KPMG.

We are very pleased to welcome David to CWCF and the worker co-op movement! He can be reached at the coordinates below, and by-mail at: david@canadianworker.coop.

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