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In June Vancity will launch an emerging leadership training course for its staff and thanks to the efforts of the small group working on outcomes from **Leading Change 2007** (creating cross-industry leadership opportunities was one), a seat has been made available for an emerging leader from the community non-profit sector. We look forward to reporting back on this pilot experiment.

## → **Painting a Picture of Us**

The Co-op is turning 10 years old in the fall and although it is an opportunity to celebrate, it has also made us fairly self-conscious!

One of the activities the Co-op is undertaking is a study of our current owner-membership, to help paint a picture of who we are together. Here are some interesting findings about the 104 community organizations that make up the Co-op that we have so far. In the last fiscal year members:

- Raised over \$15,000,000 in tax receipted donations and other fundraising;
- Had over \$200,000,000 in revenues from the provincial government; and,
- Spent over \$253,000,000 on staff and professional compensation.

As we continue with this bit of naval gazing research, we will share more with you. For more information, please email [Tim](#).

## → **Sharing Stories On Innovation**

In the last Scoop we reported on a new project the Co-op is engaged in to help six organizations across the country explore shared services models in their region. We are completing work to document our own unique story (as well as those of our friends in Williams Lake and the Kootenay-Boundary regions) to share with our partners.

These stories will feed into the development of concrete shared services concepts by each partner and together we will workshop the concepts here in Vancouver in late June.

For more information about this project, please email [Justin](#).

## → **Talking to Members About Privacy**

The Co-op's work with the **BC Freedom of Information and Privacy Association** (FIPA) on researching the legal implications of the proposed new integrated case management system of the Provincial Government on our owner-members is moving into the next phase of research.

The Co-op has begun to meet with some of our members to talk about their programs and services and about privacy issues relating to information management. These visits are a key component of grounding the legal research in real-world circumstances and we have already learned a lot!

For more information, please email [Justin](#).

## → **Capacity Building: Clear as Mud?**

Having capacity and strengthening it is a critical topic for all non-profits. The **Voluntary Organizations Consortium of BC** (VOCBC) and **SPARC BC** want to help clear up some of the confusion around the term itself as well as the many "capacity building" initiatives currently underway.

On May 23 from 1pm to 4pm, they are hosting *Capacity Building: Clear as Mud?* in Richmond. A panel of organizations will start off by briefly presenting a sampling of their different approaches to understanding and supporting capacity building, followed by a lively interactive session to make sense of it all. [Click here](#) for a PDF invitation or [click here](#) to RSVP for this free session by email.