

Community renewable energy is positive say researchers to give free talk at Calgary church on June 1

May 25, 2016 — About a hundred scholars, economic developers, community and faith leaders, and interested citizens will be meeting at Calgary's St. David's United Church to learn more about best practices and benefits of community renewable energy on June 1 at 6 p.m.



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The reception is part of a larger conference at nearby University of Calgary focused on co-operative development and education. Researchers J.J. McMurtry and M. Derya Tarhan will reveal findings about the effects of community renewable energy projects across Canada and elsewhere.

“Community-organized renewable energy is considered economically positive as well as socially necessary,” says Tarhan who is completing his PhD at the University of Toronto. The research project is a joint venture of York University and TREC Renewable Energy Co-operative in Toronto, and is funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC).

Joining the presentation will be founders of Alberta Solar Co-op that is creating a model for community-owned solar farms.

The reception is free and open to the broader Calgary community. Another free reception will give visitors from across Canada the United States and the Caribbean a chance to meet local co-operators on May 31 at 5 p.m. at Triwood Community Association. It will also be the venue of the Mark Goldblatt Inaugural Lecture established in the memory of the noted co-op housing advocate.

Sessions from May 31 to June 3 include co-op economic development in Indigenous communities, public policy and co-ops, and inclusive and engaged co-op environments. A day will be dedicated to visiting Calgary and Airdrie co-ops and a credit union. More information on the conference is available at www.ace.coop/agenda-at-a-glance.

The conference is planned by the Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation (CASC) and the Association of Cooperative Educators (ACE). CASC is a multidisciplinary network of researchers and educators dedicated to the generation, dissemination and application of research on co-operatives and co-operation. ACE is the only North America-wide organization uniting co-operative researchers, educators, practitioners and developers. Memberships and geographic boundaries of the two organizations overlap and they regularly co-

operate. This year their joint conference is part of the 2016 Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, hosted at the University of Calgary.

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