

Exploring the Social Economy in Saskatchewan: Saskatoon's Core Neighbourhoods

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QUINT is a community economic development corporation that has united Saskatoon's five core neighbourhoods to stem the outflow of capital, incomes, services, and people from the central city. It is nationally recognized for its innovations in housing and has played a leading role in core redevelopment.

Saskatoon's Core Neighbourhoods Observations

- Suburbanization and globalization drive decline
- Widespread poverty, unemployment, and social exclusion
- Affordable housing issues and transience weaken social ties
- Social dislocation drives youth drop-outs and conflicts with law
- Urban in-migration and Aboriginalization create new challenges and opportunities
- Strong CED and social economy innovation in groups like QUINT
- Emerging social enterprise opportunities



Core Neighbourhood Youth Co-op, an innovative social enterprise for youth in Saskatoon, strives to empower at-risk youth by providing them with innovative skills training, part-time employment, and cultural and recreational opportunities.

Saskatoon's Core Neighbourhoods Findings

- Resource scarcity and competition hampers organizational stability and capacity
- Widespread burn-out among staff, volunteers, and board members
- Need for education on CED and social economy, on culture's role in community revitalization
- Need for specialist social enterprise infrastructure and unifying initiatives and vision
- High degree of trust and cohesion among key actors drives successful social economy innovation

Community Partners

Vision North
Quint Development Corporation
Child Hunger and Education Program

Status of Project

Complete

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