

Co-operative Housing: more than a home



Canada's 2,200 housing co-ops provide secure, self-determined, community-oriented affordable housing to a quarter of a million people with wide ranging incomes and backgrounds. This short documentary visits five housing co-ops across Canada, interviewing members and managers about how co-op housing transforms neighborhoods and improves people's lives. This video was produced by Novel Pictures for the Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada to commemorate the United Nations International Year of Co-operatives.

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CHF Canada serves and represents the 2,200 housing co-ops that provide secure, self-determined affordable housing for a quarter of a million Canadians. Nicholas Gazzard has served as CHF Canada's executive director for the past seven years. He has more than 30 years' experience in co-op housing, including close to 20 years as a housing co-op member. He is currently the vice-president of the board of directors of ICA Housing, the global housing sectoral group of the International Co-operative Alliance. He lives in Ottawa.