

## NEW UNIVERSITY COOPERATIVE

This is the second newsletter (Dec 08/Jan 09) of the New University Cooperative. Included in this newsletter is information on the upcoming *Reclaiming Higher Education Symposium* at the end of January, our recent funding partnership with the Phoenix Community Foundation, and a report from the Fall Discussion Series event in Ottawa.



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### Symposium 2009: Reclaiming Higher Education, Tatamagouche, NS

A warm thank you to those who helped send out hundreds of e-mail postings, phone prospective participants, and send out letters about the upcoming Symposium. We have confirmed an excellent list of speakers, and we are also pleased to note that we will be offering as much organic and local food as possible, thanks in part by the generous donations of produce from Waldergrave Farm, a local Community Land Trust. The New University Cooperative Board has also prepared several proposals which will be presented to the participants at the Symposium, including *a) the formation of an academic council to oversee course programs b) the summer course proposal c) principles of a business plan, and finally d) accreditation.*

If you have not yet registered, please do so as soon as possible, so that we are able to get a final idea of numbers. Registration is now available online ([www.newuniversity.ca](http://www.newuniversity.ca)).

If you need a travel subsidy to attend the Symposium, financial assistance is available. Rideshare opportunities may also be available from Ontario, for people traveling from that area. Please contact [info@newuniversity.ca](mailto:info@newuniversity.ca) for more information about both of these opportunities.

### Financial Partnership with the Phoenix Community Works Foundation



To support the New University Cooperatives fundraising efforts, the Phoenix Community Works Foundation recently approved a financial partnership with the New University Cooperative, giving the cooperative access to a Charitable Number. We thank the Phoenix Community Works Foundation for their support of the project, which allows the New University Cooperative access to a wide range of foundations and funding programs. *You can visit the Phoenix Community Works Foundation for more information at [www.pcwf.ca](http://www.pcwf.ca).*

### Fall Discussion Series: Ottawa Forum

The New University Cooperative, as part of the fall Discussion Series, hosted a public forum at the Ottawa Public Library main branch on November 1st, 2008. The discussion, led by Denis Rancourt, a University of Ottawa professor who was recently barred from teaching by the administration, was well attended. Rancourt believes that university has become places for fabricating professional employees, what he terms "service intellectuals", and in the process forces individuals to lose their identity and embrace the ideology of the system.

Arlo Yuzicapi-Fayant presented on behalf of the New University Cooperative, sharing her disillusionment with Rancourt, and pointing to those critiques as the impetus to build a new approach towards higher education, founded in sustainability and social justice. In all, it was an excellent forum, and participants expressed great enthusiasm for the development of the New University Cooperative. *Thank you to all members in Ottawa who helped to put together the event!*

