

## Co-operative Higher Education after the Truth and Reconciliation Commission

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The June 2015 “Calls to Action” of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and Co-operatives and Mutuels Canada’s efforts to explore co-operative postsecondary needs present an important opportunity to build a truly post-colonial Canada. As the nation tries to decolonize itself and reach beyond neo-liberal society, postsecondary institutions are trying to “indigenize” their own colonial practices and priorities. The indigenizing university ought also to be the co-operative university, where democratic governance and multiple forms of sustainability reinforce the values and solutions of Indigenous peoples and their treaties with the Crown. An analysis of the Calls to Action and preliminary university and community responses to those calls will help sketch out **a sustainable turn**, empowered by co-operative principles and Indigenous stewardship of abundance economies.



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