

# CREATIVE EXCHANGE COOPERATIVE

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

I hereby apply for membership in Creative Exchange Cooperative, and understand that my membership will begin once this application is approved by the Board of Directors and the membership share has been paid.

- The cost of one membership share is \$500.00. Payment will be required upon approval of the member application and is fully refundable.
- Please read and understand the *CEC Memorandum of Association* document which is added to this application, and agree to abide by its contents.
- Please ensure that you meet the Eligibility Requirements for Members; that you are 16 years of age or older, and a Canadian resident
- All members agree to comply with all Policies and Procedures of the Creative Exchange Cooperative.

**NAME:**

**BUSINESS OR ARTIST NAME (if applicable):**

**ADDRESS:**

**PHONE:**

**EMAIL:**

## About The Creative Exchange Cooperative

The purpose of Creative Exchange is to support a thriving and sustainable community of creative people that will enrich the cultural, social, and economic fabric of Nelson and area by:

- providing space where creatives can work, share, learn, and engage with each other and the broader community;
- facilitating connections among creatives, organisations and business professionals thereby improving access to resources, services and markets; and
- engaging in outreach and education activities to raise visibility of the creative community for both residents and non-residents.

## How it Works

### **Pooling Our Resources:**

Members of the Creative Exchange pool their knowledge, skills, tools and money to create stability, connection and collaboration for artists and creatives.

### **Local Partnerships:**

CEC is working to enhance the local arts community by connecting and collaborating with local artists, organisations and businesses.

### **Community Engagement:**

CEC aims to create a supportive auxiliary network that will allow galleries, funders, art patrons and community members to connect with artists in the area to increase visibility and access to opportunities. With the eventual addition of a physical location; we will facilitate opportunities for community members to participate in the space by attending classes, live events and markets, accessing short term workshop spaces and having an opportunity to engage with artists.

### **Membership In The Co-op:**

To become a member of the Creative Exchange Cooperative, a person must purchase at least one membership share for \$500.00. Members must be Canadian residents or Canadian controlled corporations, governments or First Nations. Members are:

- encouraged, but not required, to purchase additional membership shares to contribute to the cooperative.
- willing to share in the risks and rewards of CEC endeavours.
- invited to all general meetings of the Association
- entitled to one vote in the governance of the Creative Exchange Cooperative, no matter how many membership shares they own.
- encouraged to contribute their expertise by sitting on the Board, various committees or by offering mentorship.
- entitled to withdraw membership with notice, and receive a full refund

## Further Details

- CEC is a network of like minded, creative individuals who believe in the same values and are working towards a common goal. This network exists immediately and is not tied to any specific space.
- To be a tenant in any physical space occupied by CEC, you must be a member.
- You do not have to be a tenant to be a member. Membership will gain you access to not only voting rights but also member services, priority access and discounted rates for services and facilities.

*I declare that I am 16 years of age or older, and a Canadian resident. I agree to purchase at least one membership share for \$500.00, to be paid upon application approval by the board of directors. I also agree to join the CEC member email list.*

**AUTHORISED SIGNATURE:**

**DATE (YYYY/MM/DD):**