

CoworkingOntario Leads the Way Globally with the Launch of COHIP, a Group Health Insurance Plan Designed for Independent Workers

COHIP COWORKING HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN

August 6, 2013 – Toronto, ON – Bring a group of independent workers, freelancers and entrepreneurs together and ask them to identify one of the biggest drawbacks to “working for themselves” and pretty quickly the conversation will turn to Health Insurance. While most independent workers value the flexibility that their chosen work style provides, traditionally the high price of extended health benefits has been a real financial barrier to most.

On August 1st 2013, CoworkingOntario launched COHIP - the first Coworking Health Insurance Plan available to all members of coworking spaces in the CoworkingOntario collective.

“We are so excited to be able to offer this initiative to our members” said Ashley Proctor, the COHIP program manager and founder of *Creative Blueprint* and *Foundery* in Toronto. “This type of collaborative approach to solving problems speaks directly to the benefits of coworking. Rather than each worker or even each coworking space acting independently, we are able to leverage the power of our collective to secure extremely competitive rates and accessible benefit packages for all of our members in Ontario.”

COHIP options for coverage include health, dental, disability, travel, and term life insurance. The insurance plans are completely customizable and each member can apply for a unique package that meets their needs. Although the plan is launching first in Ontario, the intention is that it will expand across Canada in 2014.

“While all coworking collectives share resources, best practices and even leverage group buying power” said Proctor “we believe this is the first time a coworking collective has offered a sustainable health and dental insurance plan to their members.”

“We can't wait to start offering this as a membership benefit to our residents” said Martha Jack, President of Treehaus Collaborative Workspace in Kitchener, Ontario. “As an entrepreneur, I know that I've personally been looking for a solution like this for a long time and now through the efforts of CoworkingOntario, we have access to plans at a reasonable price.”

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For more information on CoworkingOntario or COHIP
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About CoworkingOntario – (<http://coworkingontario.ca>)

CoworkingOntario is a collective of independent coworking spaces from across the province of Ontario including spaces located in Barrie, London, Stratford, Kitchener, Guelph, Huntsville, Toronto, and Peterborough. The members of the collective work together to spread the word about coworking and share best practices to strengthen their unique communities.

CoworkingOntario is currently comprised of the following members:

10 Carden - <http://www.10carden.ca>

Acme Works - <http://acmeworks.ca>

Beach Business Hub - <http://www.beachbusinesshub.ca>

Bento Miso - <https://bentomiso.com>

Camaraderie Coworking - <http://camaraderie.ca>

Creative Blueprint - <http://creativeblueprint.ca>

Foundery - <http://foundery.is>

GizmoLabs - <http://www.gizmolabs.ca>

Hacker Studios - <http://www.hackerstudios.com/coworking>

Locus Quo - <http://www.7labatt.com/coworking>

Peterborough Centre for Social Innovation - <http://www.coin-ced.org/pcsi>

Project:Rhino - <http://www.konekt.me/projectrhino>

The 3rd Rail Society - <http://3rdrail.ca>

The Creative Space - <http://www.thecreativespace.ca/barrie>

The Creative Space - <http://www.thecreativespace.ca/huntsville>

Treehaus Collaborative Workspace - <http://www.treehaus.ca>

Zen Campus - <http://www.zen-campus.com>