Unincorporated Nonprofit & Voluntary Organizations

Project # 29

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This study examines the scale, dimension, and activities of unincorporated nonprofit and voluntary organizations in Ontario.
Introduction

The objectives of the study are to:

- Develop framework for defining unincorporated nonprofit and voluntary organizations
- Define unincorporated formally structured nonprofit and voluntary organizations
- Develop methodology for mapping these organizations
- Estimate the numbers and types of unincorporated nonprofit and voluntary organizations
- Determine the services and the benefits of these organizations;
- Understand the human and financial resources these organizations rely on to provide their services
Background and Rationale

- Unincorporated organizations are important to the fabric of the Canadian society.
- They contribute significantly to the quality of life and wellbeing of our communities.
- Ubiquitous in our communities
- Examples: union locals, tenant associations, farmers market, neighbourhood associations, sports clubs and recreation associations
- Little is known about them
Project Methodology

- Mixed sampling technique including a variety of data sources individual
  - Interview members of unincorporated nonprofit and voluntary organizations
  - Pilot-testing of questionnaire and interview guide
  - Collection of data by interviewing the organizations
Role and Participation of Community Partners

☐ To be determined
Main Findings/Deliverables

- Study in progress
Implications for the Social Economy

- To be determined
How Students Benefited from the Project

- Experience as research assistant
- Knowledge of research design
Next Steps

- Completion of data collection
- Findings
- Manuscript