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**Common Concerns Association -  
Community Economic Development  
In Vancouver's Downtown Eastside**



*After years of never initiating and never motivating people, ample evidence has been accumulated that people, anywhere, if only given the chance, will come forward with their own unique program for self-improvement, - their own dreams, goals, desires - and will realize them.*

Ernesto Sirolli - Ripples from Zambezi

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**Common Concerns Association -  
Building Community from the Inside Out**

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**"Own"** (*adj*) To receive one's own reward; to remain undefeated; entirely dependent upon one's self for support or success - Funk and Wagnell's Standard Encyclopedic Dictionary

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## Community-owned, community-run!



Common Concerns' association was formed in 1998 by residents of Strathcona/Downtown Eastside of Vancouver to help each other start our own locally-owned businesses.

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## What Can Common Concerns Do for Me?



Members of Common Concerns are your neighbours. You must be a resident of Strathcona/DTES to be a member. We believe that, while our community may be financially-challenged, we are a wealth of real-life experiences from all walks of life, all abilities, ethnicities, ages. When we come together on projects, we magnify our power and effectiveness. We help each other write business plans, market our products and services and support each other to develop business.

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## Some of the projects our members are working on:

Clothes Encounters, Laundromat/Cafe \* Spread The Word, Literary Event \* Dreamscape Computer Group (recycled computers) \* Catering Company \* Website Company \* Moving Company \* restaurant \* art supply store \* construction trades \* administrative support \* bakery \* crafts outlet \* registry/talent agency for musicians and performers \* theatre company and many others

**COMMON CONCERNS:**  
Organizing residents of Vancouver's Downtown Eastside to realize their goals of self-employment.  
**IF YOU BELIEVE YOU CAN,  
THEN YOU  
CAN!**