

Unincorporated Nonprofit & Voluntary Organizations

Project # 29

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Introduction

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

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- 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 know 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