
The Coalition for Educational Opportunities (CEO) began in 2001 when a group of concerned community groups, government departments, educational institutions, parents and young people came together to address the fact that our traditional education system could not meet the needs of all young people, and to collectively identify innovative solutions.

The mission of the CEO is: to raise awareness and engage all sectors of the community in creating an environment where youth are able to avail of educational opportunities that meet their unique needs.

- Currently our CEO includes representation from community groups, MUN’s Faculty of Education, Business, NLTA, former educators, and young people.

Priorities for 2013 – 2014

- Raise awareness on the extent of and the factors impacting school drop outs.
- Support existing alternative education programs and services
 - Despite the absence of an alternative school for youth 18 years and under, many organizations and agencies have developed and are offering programs to assist young people in obtaining a formal education.
- The CEO seeks out opportunities to support the community’s work, share our learning and expertise, and offer opportunities for networking and information sharing.

Did you know...

- According to Statistics Canada, **23.8%** of Canadians 15 year and over are without a high school diploma.
- That number jumps to **33.5%** for Newfoundland & Labrador, and in some local neighbourhoods within St. John’s the number climbs to **59%**!

For more information on young people who have disengaged from mainstream education systems check out: [Disengaged Youth 2013](#)