



## Twenty on the Twenty

A monthly update about co-op development in the Pacific Northwest provided to you on or about the 20th of each month.

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### Peninsula Homecare Co-op Opens

On February 8th, the Peninsula Homecare Co-op opened for business with 10 homecare providers and a waiting list of customers. This newest co-op took just 10 months from idea to operation!

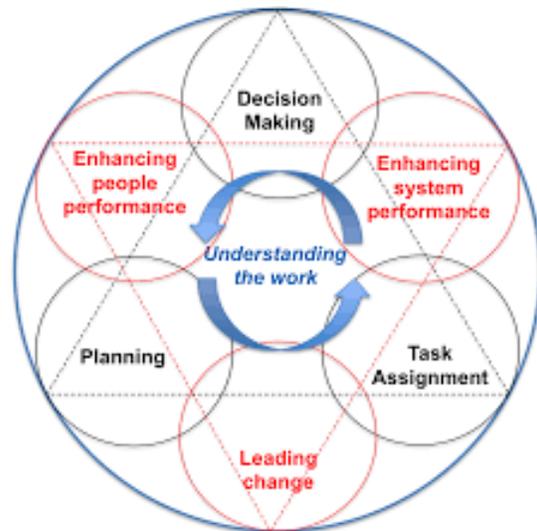
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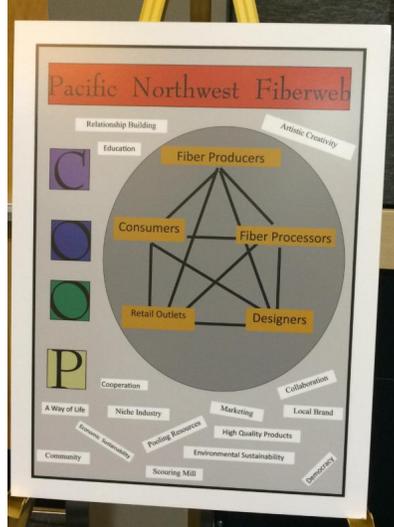
### Sociocracy Workshops Provided

February was a busy month as NWCDC hosted two full-day workshops on Dynamic Governance (Sociocracy) by Jerry Kohls-Gonzalez in Portland and Olympia. Sociocracy offers a means to build powerful organizations through the value of consent and meaningful engagement of the employees. Sociocracy redesigns traditional organizational decision making, transforms ownership structure, and offers a vision of society based on cooperation.

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Cultivating Coop Roots Conference



Over a hundred people met in beautiful downtown Spokane from February 5-7 to engage in cooperative education, training and information (the 5th principle), cooperative collaboration (the 6th principle), and building awareness of the co-op model and its benefits (the 7th principle). Tracks included Finance and Accounting, Marketing, and Governance. In addition, a Youth Track and a Latino Track created space for those communities with a focus on their unique issues. "Pop-up" tracks created on the spur of the moment provided specialized educational opportunities aimed at specific audiences or ideas. In addition to the workshops, the conference also hosted a poster session demonstrating the ideas turned into action. Cooperative Hall of Fame inductee [David J. Thompson](#) of the [Twins Pines Foundation](#) provided a keynote address and many participants brought posters to share their co-ops with the conference attendees.

[Visit the conference website.](#)

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