

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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Staffing Changes at NWCDC

Longtime ROC coordinator, **Ben Dryfus-Guss** has moved on to work in land acquisition for the State of Washington Department of Natural Resources.Ben worked for over ten years with NWCDC and helped start the successful ROC-NW program. He will be missed and we wish him the best in his new position.

Deborah Craig, based in Bellingham, WA, will be moving from part-time to full-time status with NWCDC. She will continue working with worker cooperatives and also assist resident owned communities in the Northwest part of Washington State.

Melanie White, a student the The Evergreen State College's Master of Public Administration program, liked her internship with the ROC-NW program during the Winter quarter so much that she renewed for the Spring quarter!



Co-optopia Bigger Than Ever

Join us this Spring as **Co-opTopia** moves to its new time! On April 23rd, Co-opTopia will return to the parking lot of the NWCDC (5th Ave and Adams) in Olympia from noon-7 pm. In addition to a number of

cooperatives and credit unions, volunteers from KPLU will be on hand to discuss their efforts to become community owned. A number of artists will also be sharing our booth as part of the Spring Arts Walk. Finally, the famous Procession of the Species will take place just a block away from our location.

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Welcome Hillside Cooperative!



On March 1, 2016, the residents of the 13 acre Hillside manufactured home park in Centralia, Washington, become owners of the Hillside Cooperative. After several months of negotiations and training, the residents now own their homes and the land underneath their home. They are the ninth resident owned community to be created in Washington and Oregon through the ROC-NW program which partners with ROC-USA and ROC Capital to help residents achieve home ownership and stability.

Help us provide technical assistance to co-ops!

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