

Twenty on the Twenty

A 20-second (or so) monthly update about co-op development in the Pacific Northwest provided to you on or about the 20th of each month. Please share with your network!

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Friday Film Fest!

Take a break from you work on Fridays to learn about co-ops from around the world! Each Friday, NWCDC will post a short film on its Facebook page. We began the series with an inspirational story about a <u>Social Co-op in Flori, Italy</u> that provides people with disabilities meaningful work and ownership. Last week, we posted a Tedx talk discussing <u>how worker</u> <u>co-ops reverse the system of poverty</u>. This week we feature a short about<u>life in a Resident Owned</u> <u>Community</u>. If you missed them, hit the link! If there is a short film that you would recommend, contact us.

Capital Homecare Co-op Hires Interim Administrator

Capital Homecare Cooperativein Olympia, WA has hired an interim Administrator. This person will help the board of directors complete the licensing process and loan applications that they need to become operational. This will allow the board to focus on fundraising, outreach, and strategic direction of the co-op. CHC has an office within NWCDC's office as part of our efforts to create a co-op incubator. The office space within the Center provides CHC with affordable rent, access to technical support, and a place for board and committees to meet and receive training. They are also part of NWCDC's virtual incubator with Google Suite services and a web site at <u>capitalhomecare.coop</u>.

On the Road to Senegal

In collaboration with the <u>National Cooperative Business Association CLUSA International (NCBA CLUSA)</u> Daniel Luis Arrañaga from NWCDC will be working with a **Millet Producers Cooperative** in the West African nation of Senegal to provide technical assistance with organizational development and training on cooperative principles. NCBA CLUSA's Millet Business Services project focuses on post-harvest handling, building the capacity of producer organizations to access markets and add value to their crop. Arrañaga formally lived in West Africa and will be traveling back to work in Senegal this December. Learn more about other Farmer to Farmer volunteer opportunities with NCBA CLUSA at <u>http://ncba.coop/ncba-careers/volunteer</u>

Skyline ROC Receives Loan Approval

The members of Skyline homeowners Cooperative is nearing the home stretch to purchasing the land and infrastructure under their homes! This 43 home park has been hustling over the past three and a half months, forming their cooperative, reworking bylaws and community rules, and building a strong membership among the residents. This soon to be Resident Owned Community (ROC) is hoping to close the deal by August 30th. The community was just approved for an acquisition loan from ROC USA, a nonprofit lender, a 1.3 million dollar loan to purchase their community as a co-op. An additional loan for major community improvements is in the works. The community is applying for an additional 112,000 from RCAC, a non-profit lender dedicated bettering rural communities, to address major infrastructure repairs in the park.

Cascade ROC Conference Finalizes Schedule and Launches Fundraising

With feedback from from last year's attendees and input from staff at NWCDC and CASA of Oregon, we are excited to be publishing the Cascade ROC Conference program of events. We've got 8 pieces of programming along with a structured time for resident-leaders to network and collaborate. For more information on the conference, the communities, or the workshops, check out the conference website at <u>CROCcon.com</u>.

While you are there, help sponsor the program by donating. You can find the link to our donation page at https://www.gofundme.com/cascade-roc-conference-scholarships. All Sustaining Donors will be listed in our official program and we encourage donations of any size. Every dollar counts as the event covers all travel and lodging costs of attending Manufactured Housing Cooperative residents.

Help us provide technical assistance to co-ops!

You don't have to wait for the end of the year to support our programs! You can provide a **tax deductible** one-time donation or monthly sustaining gift to help fund the work of co-op development!

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