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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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Moses Lake to Add 5th Resident Owned Community

The Upper Lakeshore Homeowner's Cooperative elected a Board of Directors on February 11, 2018. The new board signed a Purchase and Sale Agreement and begins work on turning the twenty-five unit manufactured home park into a resident owned community. The process should take approximately three months. ULHC will be the fifth housing cooperative (ROC) in Moses Lake and the 14th in the State of Washington.



Sociocracy Leadership Training Program Seeks Co-op Participants

[Sociocracy For All](#) (SoFa), an internationally focused organization that promotes the practice of sociocratic decision-making seeks participants for the seventh cohort of the [Sociocracy Leadership Training](#) program. This nine week program provides an opportunity to learn sociocracy while practicing the decision-making model. Participants from across the globe work in circles of six on various projects with a trainer producing materials to further promote or educate about Sociocracy. Two of NWCDC's specialists have participated. Circles meet for 1-2 hours a week via the internet and commit to tasks between the meetings. The training fee has a sliding scale of \$220-\$400. SoFA is specifically interested in people with a cooperative orientation who seek a governance model aligned with cooperative values and principles.

Washington Senate Learns About the Cooperative Difference

NWDCDC organized and participated in a workshop for the **Washington State Senate Economic Development and International Trade Committee** chaired by Senator Marilyn Chase (D-32). The workshop focused on cooperatives for economic sustainability. Representatives from electric utilities, agriculture, housing, and worker co-ops shared stories of their co-op's impacts on members and their communities. Senator Chase asked NWDCDC to coordinate the presentation to educate the committee and policy makers on the power of co-operatives. The workshop will be available for the general public on [TVW](#), Washington State's Public Affairs Network.



SAVE THE DATE! CO-OPATOPIA

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018 2-7pm

Join us to showcase co-ops and celebrate all that they contribute to our communities and the local economy! With 15,000 visitors in town for Olympia's Spring Arts Walk Festival and the Procession of the Species parade, we're sure to draw a great crowd

Please complete our pre-registration form and tell us how you'd like to participate: <http://bit.ly/2H05BkK>

CO-OPATOPIA Village will be located at the corner of 5th & Adams in downtown Olympia and is brought to you by CoSound Cooperative Network and our local cooperative partners. Learn more at: www.facebook.com/coopatopia

Get a Degree in Co-op Management! Registration Open Now!

Saint Mary's University offers online, part-time education for working co-operative professionals:

- Master of Management, Co-operatives and Credit Unions (3 years, includes 10-day co-operative study tour to Spain)
- Graduate Diploma in Co-operative Management (20 months)
- Certificate in Co-operative Management (10 months)

Your opportunity is here! Each year 25 seats are opened for co-operative professionals to join the ranks of some of the most innovative and creative leaders in the co-operative system. Join new, stimulating conversations. Build your business skills. Meet other keen co-operators from around the world. Get exposed to new solutions to current issues. Contact [Erin Hancock](#) by email or phone (902-802-7897) for more information. You can also visit the [Cooperative Management Education](#) website.

Bursaries available, but there is an April 1, 2018 deadline!

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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!

You may earmark specific projects.

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