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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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ROC Leadership Institute



From left to right, Shane White, Eric Ramsey and Erick Sanchez Escobar of the Upper Lakeshore Cooperative.

2018 was the inaugural year for the ROC Leadership Institute based largely on the curriculum of the Community Leadership Institute of Neighborworks America. As ROC USA describes it, "This event offers a broad choice and a rich array of quality workshops and learning labs discussing community issues and sharing best practices and solutions to the challenges faced by ROCs across the country. Attendees will develop new skills, enhance their leadership experience, and build new collaborative relationships with peers and national partners. Participants at the Leadership Institute will bring back knowledge and skills gained from this experience to affect sustainable, positive change in the communities where they live.

Upper Lakeshore board members (pictured left) had an opportunity to attend the ROC Leadership Institute in New Hampshire June 7 to June 10, 2018! Now they wait for the completion of the conversion and stand ready to guide the membership to finalizing the purchase.



Recruitment Drive Begins for Co-op Acupuncture School

[POCA Tech](#), a cooperatively owned and managed acupuncture school in Portland seeks members of its 5th Cohort. The tech school is a project of [POCA Cooperative](#), a multi-stakeholder cooperative with the mission to work cooperatively to increase accessibility to and availability of affordable group acupuncture treatments. POCA Tech is a financially-reasonable acupuncture school dedicated to graduating students prepared to treat their

community with dignity, trauma-informed care, and a deep commitment to making acupuncture accessible to all. POCA Tech found out about NWDC by attending

Spokane Tribe Federated Co-op



NWDC has been working with the staff of the Chewelah Casino (owned by the [Spokane Tribe of Indians](#)). The development of that project has expanded to consider a larger project involving using arable land on the reservation, creating co-ops to provide youth employment and leadership development, and connecting the various stakeholders of the Tribal economy: Tribe members, Tribe descendants, employees of the Tribe. Food Sovereignty continues to be a key goal for the project along with creating a stronger local economy.

NWDC Spring Retreat

In June, the staff of NWDC met near Boston Harbor to discuss the upcoming year of cooperative and ROC Development. NWDC expects to provide support for over 50 co-op projects in the coming year including continued technical assistance for the existing Resident Owned Communities, continuing work with 3 Tribe based enterprises, developing up to four new home care cooperatives, 4-5 conversions, and three tech co-ops (including a broadband internet service provider). New communities for NWDC will include Port Angeles, Aberdeen in Washington and Clatskanie in Oregon. In addition, NWDC will also be developing more Spanish language based development and outreach tools including a concentrated effort to educate financial advisers on co-operatives as an option for business succession planning. 2019 promises to be an exciting year as NWDC continues to meet its mission of fostering community economic development through the cooperative business model.

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