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development center

## 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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### Meet Our New CTAP!

**Cristina Klatovsky** joined NWCDC's ROCNW at the beginning of March. Cristina is housed out of Yakima will primarily cover the Eastern Washington service area. She brings to NWCDC over 20 years experience training diverse groups in shared governance, program management and conducting extensive community outreach throughout the area. Cristina is passionate about community engagement, facilitating trainings and presentations. As a certified Spanish/English Interpreter, she is committed to assuring opportunity to participate for all regardless of language. Cristina has hit the ground running, falling in love with every community she visits and looks forward to every bit of it.



### Coopatopia April 28th Downtown Olympia

Visit our offices at 5th and Adams in Olympia this Saturday and take part in [Coopatopia](#)! Close to 17 co-operatives and co-op support groups will be present to celebrate the cooperative economic model. Food trucks include a Venezuelan offering and Kettle Corn. Music provided by Yodeladys. The event runs from 2p-7p as part of the [Spring Art Walk](#). At 4 pm, the [Procession of the Species](#) begins just one block away.

### Predevelopment Loan Approved for Upper Lakeshore

**Upper Lakeshore Homeowners Cooperative** in Moses Lake, Washington is on track to purchasing the land under their homes. The community has been approved for a pre-development loan from **ROC Capital** allows the co-op to complete an engineers



report and acquire an appraisal. Both are key to getting them that much closer to preserving 24 affordable homes indefinitely. Last weekend the Membership met at the Fire Station to give input on their community rules. In two weeks, rules and bylaws will be voted on by the membership, offering residents the power to steer the way on the journey ahead of their hopeful resident owned community.

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## Rural Oregon Initiative Grant to Assist WTV Truckers



**Euvalcree** with significant support from NWDC was awarded an \$80,000 grant to build entrepreneurial capacity in Ontario, Oregon through the further development of the **WTV Truckers Cooperative** serving as a demonstration project. The funds will help support a project coordinator to work with the co-op's board to acquire group purchasing discounts (a member benefit), access to contracts, and develop materials to facilitate a strong membership drive. NWDC will also work with the project coordinator to update the business plan, the strategic plan, and conduct training for the board and new co-op members.

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## Port Townsend Co-op Academy Begins April 25

The second edition of the NWDC Co-op Academy begins next week in Port Townsend. With assistance from the **Olympic Cooperative Network**, the US Federation of Worker Cooperatives, and the Democracy at Work Network, NWDC will conduct a 10-week bootcamp for four cooperative projects on the Olympic Peninsula. This includes a conversion of an existing business and three new cooperatives. Almost 20 people have registered for the classes.

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## More Interns at NWDC

Spring Quarter is underway at **The Evergreen State College** and NWDC benefits once more from the school's incredible students. A total of four interns have begun working this quarter (two of whom also interned in the Winter Quarter). All four completed the class on Worker Cooperatives taught last summer by NWDC staff member, John McNamara. They will be working on a variety of projects including analyzing a feasibility study for **Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians**, researching data on opioid use in rural communities as part of a larger effort to understand how cooperatives may help abate that crisis, assisting with teaching in the Co-op Academy, and many other projects. NWDC's continued partnership with TESC has been beneficial for the Center, the college, and the students.

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