



Co-op Developments

A short 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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Co-op Round Table in Olympia a Success



Co-operators from the region and as far as Alaska met at **The Evergreen State College** library for the 7th and penultimate **Cooperative Policy Roundtable** hosted by [NCBA/CLUSA](#). The one-day event led participants through a series of exercises to engage with the future of a cooperative economy and the steps and policies needed to create a fertile ecosystem for the expansion of the co-op model in the 21st century. A follow up webinar on Washington's new Limited Cooperative Association was held on November 15th. Results of the roundtables will be published and provide a means of planning strategy at the national and state level.

#GivingTuesday Coming to a Computer Near You!

**#GIVING
TUESDAY**

[Giving Tuesday](#), celebrated this year on December 3rd, is an annual day to focus on supporting our communities and the power of generosity. We hope that **NWCDC** is one of the organizations that you trust, support, and consider an essential resource for building sustainable, resilient, and learning communities. We don't focus on fundraising mainly because we are too busy doing our work. However, there is always more that we can do to support our clients and their communities as well as supporting our incredible staff. You don't have to wait until December 3. [Visit our donation page](#) today (any amount is appreciated).

Labor activists, coop developers, and worker co-op members from across North America and the UK met in Cincinnati, Ohio for the 4th biannual **Union-Coop Symposium**. The theme, "*Liberate Our Futures Together*" focuses on the synergy created by labor unions and worker coops combining forces to build democratically controlled economy. Keynote speaker **Humberto Montes de Oca** of the **Mexican Electricians Union (SME)** told the [story of how their union has challenged the discourse of privatization of public utilities](#) and how their struggle has transitioned into co-op development. NWCDC was present and participated in a workshop on transitions and acquisitions with representatives from [DAWI](#) and [OEOC](#). This event is hosted and organized by [Co-op Cincy](#) and [1Worker:1Vote](#) in November of odd-numbered years.



A New CTAP in Town



ROC's CTAP 101 cohort for 2019 in action

As if being a first year student in the [St. Mary's Masters program](#) wasn't enough, NWCDC Staffer **Fred Medicott** joined the 2019 cohort of [ROC-USA's Certified Technical Assistance Provider](#) training in New Hampshire this month. Dubbed *CTAP 101*, this three and a half day course "covers the full spectrum of the ROC Model and Movement, including the history of the work, the basics of the pre- and post-purchase work in the communities, building relationships with other social venture partners and building a pipeline for market development." Congratulations to Fred on becoming NWCDC's newest CTAP!

Cascade Co-ops Focus on Conversions of Small Businesses



Washington's newest cooperative network held an informational event on transitioning from a traditionally owned company to a worker owned company on October 29th. Emceed by NWCDC's **Deborah Craig**, the event explored the pathways of transitioning to worker-ownership by established co-ops such as A-1 builders as well as the twists and turns in the path from employee to worker-owner.

Cascade Cooperatives is a network of cooperatives in Whatcom County. They support each other and emerging cooperatives. They believe that fostering cooperatives supports a local economy, gives the members decision making rights, and creates community.



Missed the YouTube premieres or just don't like scrolling through YouTube? Watch the full 7 part series on converting an existing business to an employee-owned cooperative on our web site at [The Legacy Video Series](#).

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