



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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Register Now for the Co-op Policy Roundtable

When: October 23, 2019

Where: The Evergreen State College Library

What: A discussion around cooperatives role in building resilient communities and public policy

Who: NCBA/CLUSA, CDF, NWCDC, Elected Officials and You!

How: [Register Here!](#)

NWCDC's Miles Nowlin to Keynote NACH Conference in October!

Miles Nowlin will be presenting his talk entitled: "Housing Justice is Cooperative: Preservation, Empowerment, and Stability in a Time of Crisis" at the **National Association of Housing Cooperatives** at their 59th annual meeting to be held in Miami next month. Manufactured Housing Communities are home to some of the most vulnerable low-income individuals in the country. With a growing housing crisis in the US, folks move to these communities as affordable options with opportunities to build assets. However, as the developer industry grows more competitive and profitable, homeowners are threatened with the insecurity of unexpected rent increases and displacement due to redevelopment.

NWCDC Updates Website: New Look, New Features

NWCDC made significant improvements to its [website](#) which hasn't been upgraded since the early 2010s. The website is now responsive to tablets and smartphones and has new features such as:

- An [events calendar](#) that will promote events sponsored by NWDC, have an NWDC staff person presenting, or is otherwise connected to the national co-op movement or the Pacific Northwest social economy.
- Mapping to assist with finding the hundreds of co-ops in the Pacific Northwest.
- A prominent highlight section to promote our major projects.

Many of the changes came from members of our community requesting changes and access to information. If you can think of a feature that would help you interact with us or get information about co-ops, let us know.



NWCDC's Daniel Luis Arrañaga provides interpretation for a session at CROCC.

Directors from Resident Owned Communities (ROCs) from across Washington and Oregon met in Olympia on September 21st for the 2019 edition of the Cascade ROC Conference (CROCC). This event, sponsored by NWCDC and CASA of Oregon, provides extended training to directors of these housing co-ops.

This year's agenda included: Rules Enforcement and Evictions, Board Roles and Responsibilities, Facilitation, Finance 101, and a discussion about Engaging owners in their co-op.

The bilingual conference occurs annually.

Centralia Homeowners Elect to Become a Co-op!



Evergreen Estates Homeowners Cooperative voted to become a Resident Owned Co-op. This seniors community is located in Centralia Washington has 55 homes, mostly occupied by retirees. The group voted to move forward in researching the opportunity and will soon take assignment of the purchase and sale agreement with the current owner. If the purchase is successful, this will become the 16th Resident Owned Co-op in Washington State and the second in Centralia.

THE LEGACY PROJECT

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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