



Cooperation Works!

THE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT NETWORK

Building Blocks Online

2022 Program Agenda

June 21st-July21st, 2022

Tuesday June 21 st	
9:00am PT	Welcome to Building Blocks! <i>Alex Stone, Executive Director, CooperationWorks</i>
9:30am PT	Icebreaker
10:00am PT	Community Agreements
10:45am PT	<i>Break</i>
11:00am PT	Speed Networking
12:00pm PT	<i>Break</i>
12:45pm PT	Co-ops 101 <i>Margaret Bau, Cooperative Development Specialist, USDA Rural Development</i>
2:00pm PT	Adjourn

Thursday, June 23 rd	
9:00am PT	Welcome and Check-ins
9:15am PT	Cooperative Movements Through History <i>Jessica Gordon Nembhard, Professor of Community Justice and Social Economic Development, John Jay College, City University of NY</i> <i>Margaret Bau, Cooperative Development Specialist, USDA Rural Development</i>
10:15am PT	<i>Break</i>
10:30am PT	Cooperative Movements Through History <i>Margaret Bau, Cooperative Development Specialist, USDA Rural Development</i>
11:45am PT	<i>Break</i>
12:30pm PT	Group Dynamics: Exploring Communication and Collaboration in Cooperatives <i>Nat Marineau Begej, Principal, Solanum LLC</i>
2:30pm PT	Adjourn

Tuesday, June 28 th	
9:00am PT	Welcome and Check-ins
9:15am PT	Tax and Legal Environment for Cooperatives Jason Wiener, <i>President</i> , Jason Wiener p.c. a public benefit corporation
10:45am PT	<i>Break</i>
11:00am PT	Intro to Accounting for Co-ops Jamie Duong, <i>Bookkeeper/Worker-Owner</i> , Resolve Cooperative
12:00pm PT	<i>Break</i>
12:45pm PT	Group Work (pre-training assignments)
2:00pm PT	Adjourn

Thursday, June 30 th	
9:00am PT	Welcome and Check-ins
9:15am PT	Cooperative Governance: Effective Governance Systems in a Start-up Environment Courtney Berner, <i>Executive Director</i> , UW Center for Cooperative
11:15am PT	<i>Break</i>
12:00pm PT	Cooperative Business Basics Margaret Lund, <i>Principal</i> , Co-Opera
1:45pm PT	Adjourn

Thursday, July 7 th	
9:00am PT	Welcome and Check-ins
9:15am PT	Feasibility Studies: Setting goals: from vision to business plan, start-up to conversion, key components of feasibility analysis: finance, market analysis, governance, multi-year financial projections, developing the capacity of the board or steering committee to lead the process Margaret Lund, <i>Principal</i> , Co-Opera
10:45am PT	<i>Break</i>
11:30am PT	Feasibility Studies, <i>Continued</i> Margaret Lund, <i>Principal</i> , Co-Opera
1:00pm PT	Adjourn

Tuesday, July 12 th	
9:00am PT	Welcome and Check-ins
9:15am PT	Overview of Cooperative Sectors <i>Alex Stone, Executive Director, CooperationWorks!</i>
10:15am PT	<i>Break</i>
10:30am PT	Consumer Cooperatives <i>Darnell Adams, Principal & Member-Owner, Firebrand Cooperative</i>
11:30am PT	<i>Break</i>
11:45am PT	Worker Cooperatives
12:45pm PT	Adjourn

Thursday, July 14 th	
9:00am PT	Welcome and Check-ins
9:15am PT	Housing Cooperatives <i>Brel Hutton-Okpalaek, Director of Development Services, NASCO</i>
10:15am PT	<i>Break</i>
10:30am PT	Service Cooperatives
11:30am PT	<i>Break</i>
11:45am PT	Producer Cooperatives <i>Luis Sierra, Cooperative Development Specialist, Northwest Cooperative Development Center</i>
12:45pm PT	Adjourn

Tuesday, July 19 th	
9:00am PT	Welcome and Check-ins
9:15am PT	Case Study: East Bay Permanent Real Estate Cooperative <i>Ojan Mobedshahi, Finance Director, East Bay Permanent Real Estate Cooperative</i>
10:45am PT	<i>Break</i>
11:15am PT	Case Study: Worker Cooperatives

12:45pm PT	<i>Break</i>
1:15pm PT	Case Study: Food Cooperatives
2:45pm PT	Adjourn

Thursday, July 21st	
9:00am PT	Welcome and Check-ins
9:15am PT	Understanding and Assessing Your Cooperative Ecosystem <i>Alex Stone, Executive Director, CooperationWorks!</i>
10:45am PT	<i>Break</i>
11:30am PT	Case Study: Center for Family Life and Developing the NYC Ecosystem <i>Maru Bautista, Independent Consultant</i>
1:00pm PT	<i>Break</i>
1:15pm PT	Wrap-up and Reflection
2:00pm PT	Adjourn!