



Inform. Train. Transform 2014 ACE Institute Austin, Texas July 13-16

Cultivating a Collective Approach: Engaging Youth in our Cooperative Future

Emily Lippold Cheney, Cooperative Youth Council

Living the Cooperative Values within Your Organization

Colette Lebel, La Coop fédérée

Adam Schwartz, The Cooperative Way

State of Co-operative Business education

Karen Minor, St. Mary's University

Collective Courage: A History of African-American Cooperative Economic Thought and Practice

Jessica Gordon Nembhard, author – Book celebration and signing

Overarching Research Studies

Karen Minor, St. Mary's University; Report from Governance symposium

Chris Clamp, Southern New Hampshire University; Results from U.S. cooperative education survey

Utilizing Online Mediums for Delivering Information

Morgan Crawford, NASCO; Video resources as a powerful tool for youth development and movement building

Erin Hancock, Co-operative and Mutuals Canada; Co-op governance portal: Capacity-building through online governance resource exchange

Jessica Lamker, CHS; The CHS Center for Cooperative Growth is an online portal that features a topic important to cooperative business and discussed through four different perspectives including academic, management and farmer/member

****Preliminary** Agenda**

Please note, some presentations are pending confirmation

SUNDAY, JULY 13

ACE Annual Meeting

Opening Reception

MONDAY, JULY 14

(Some sessions will be offered simultaneously)

Laying the foundation for cooperative education: inform, train, educate

Andre Martin, University of Sherbrooke

Continuum of co-op education

Worcester Roots Project; Co-op Youth Curriculum

The Council on Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics (C-FARE) and the Council for Economics; Creation of high school co-op curriculum

University of Texas Pan Am; Rural cooperative development center and co-op education for immigrant populations

John Parks, Texas A and M Extension/Roy B. Davis Cooperative Management & Tom Engelke, Texas Agricultural Center; Education initiative through Texas A & M for Texas State Council Cooperative

Creating Democratic Curriculum

Toolbox for Education and Social Action

Workshop on the techniques of Popular Education

Carlos Pérez de Alejo, Cooperation Texas

Financing Cooperation

William Azarof, Van City Credit Union

In order to have a resilient, sustainable and vibrant co-operative sector, emerging and growing co-ops require access to capital and financial advice. Hear from Vancity, a values-based financial co-operative based in Vancouver, focused on investing in community organizations, with a specific focus on co-operatives. Learn from their approach, case studies, and successes as well as challenges Vancity has faced in this journey. Will be followed by a discussion.

The State of Cooperative Certificate Programs

Rod Kelsay, Mid America Cooperative Council

Youth Panel, Participants TBD, moderated conversation

Panel of young cooperators from Canada, US and PR, to present their vision of where the coop movement should go in order to be the choice of their generation.

Closing the loop from Research to Education to Practitioner

Lynn Pitman A Panel to Explore Opportunities for Educator/Researcher Collaborations

Chris Fraenza, Filene Institute; Identifying research needs for the credit union sector and its practical application, Think.Do.Change

ACE Awards Banquet

TUESDAY, JULY 15

Co-op Tours

- Producers Cooperative
- Wheatsville Food Co-op
- Blackstar Co-op
- College Houses

Supplemental Session

Succession Planning - This full-day workshop will feature the strategies and benefits of owners developing and executing a planned exit from their business. The session will cover succession planning basics, forms of employee ownership, and examples of successful conversions.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

Research for a Cooperative Economy

Janelle Cornwall, Connecticut River Valley ;

Examines the Connecticut River Valley, the many cooperatives that have been developed in that area, the issues they have experienced and lessons learned from developing a cooperative economy.

Melissa Hoover, Democracy at Work Institute; How Can Research Build the Movement?: The Democracy at Work Institute's Research Program

Ed Whitfield, Fund for Democratic Communities;

Are cooperatives solutions to food deserts?

Educating for a Cooperative Economy

Steve Dubb, Democracy Collaborative; Education for a New Economy

Jessica Gordon Nembhard, Ed Whitfield, Carlos Pérez de Alejo; Report on the purpose and impact of the Southern Grassroots coop development conference, CoopEcon

Systematic, cross-sector cooperative economy strategies

Representative from Jackson, MS; Report on the Jackson Rising conference, information gained and next steps.

Brian Donovan, Austin Cooperative Business Association; Austin's Growing Cooperative Economy, Think Tank to ACBA, cross sector collaborations

Jaime Cuevas Mercado, Cooperativa de Seguros Múltiples de Puerto Rico; how Puerto Rico's Cooperative Development Council office at the State level helps to cultivate a cooperative economy.

Panel followed by roundtable discussions on resources, recommendations and next steps for creating an education strategy to achieve a cooperative economy.

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