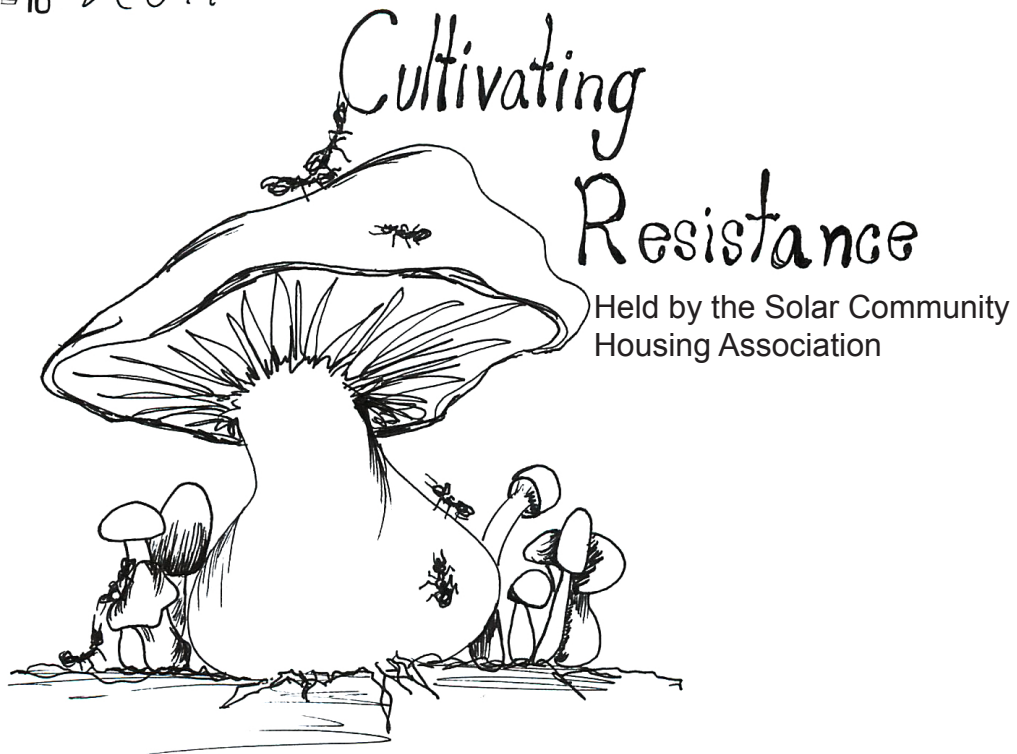
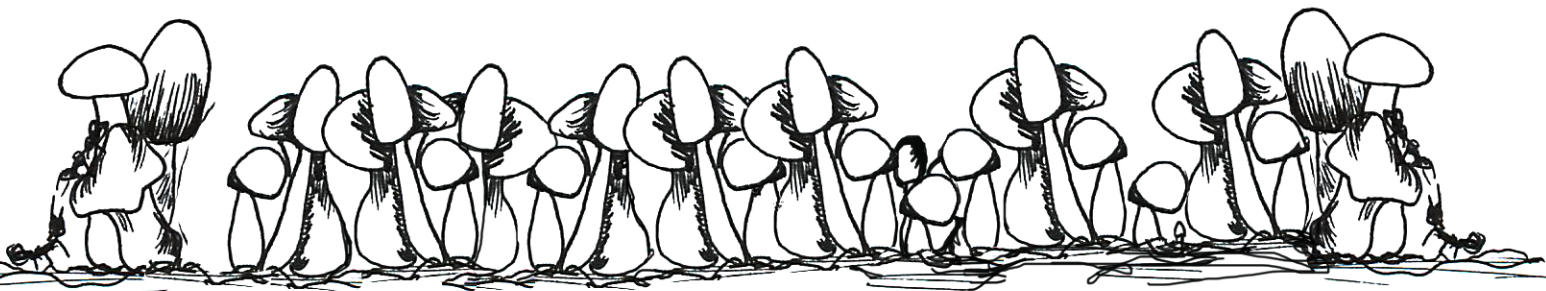


WestCo
Apr 14-16 2017



WestCo is a space for local cooperators to build community, attend educational workshops and social events, and celebrate their common interests and experiences



Schedule

FRIDAY	EVENT	LOCATION
2-8pm	Registration	Tri-Cooperatives
4-6pm	Tour of SLLC	SLLC
6-7:30pm	Dinner	Tri-Cooperatives
7:45-8:30pm	POC Caucus	Dome 3
8:45-11pm	Open Mic/Movie Night	Pierce Living Room

SATURDAY	EVENT	LOCATION
8am-12pm	Registration	Tri-Cooperatives
9-10:15am	Farmers Market Breakfast	Central Park (Downtown)
10:40am-12pm	WORKSHOP BLOCK 1	specific locations on workshop page
12-1:20pm	WORKSHOP BLOCK 2	specific locations on workshop page
1:30-2:30pm	Lunch	Regan Hall/TBA
2:30-3:30pm	Guerrilla Workshops/Peer Caucus	Tri-Cooperatives
3:30-5pm	WORKSHOP BLOCK 3	pecific locations on workshop page
6pm-12am	BYO BBQ & Dancing Shoes	J Street

SUNDAY	EVENT	LOCATION
9am-12pm	TOREMA Tool Repair Workshop & Garden Party	Domes
11am-12:30pm	Goodbye Brunch	Domes

Workshops

WORKSHOP BLOCK 1 (Sat. 10:40-12pm)

Fun Games for Cooperative Facilitation

Kate Sassoon (Sassy) @ Domes Yurt

Have you ever been stuck in a tedious meeting going nowhere, and wished that you could just stop the agenda and do something fun? Productive process doesn't have to be boring! Games are fun, invigorating, and can help jolt a process out of a rut and get people thinking outside the box. Here we cover a variety of games for use in cooperative communication settings.

Collective Visioning

Asher Belden and Scout Faller @ Tri Coops, Pierce Living Room

Learning the Language of Peace

Elizabeth Oramas Diaz and R Alan Gamage @ Tri Coops, Agg living room)

Living with people will inevitably lead to conflicts, así es la vida. This workshop aims to teach community members a specific framework for how to approach each other in a peaceful way in order to prevent and resolve conflicts.

Cooperatives and Anti-Oppression

Ratih/NASCO @ Tri Coops, DSC Living Room

WORKSHOP BLOCK 2 (Sat 12-1:20pm)

Stories Under the Fig Tree

Asher Belden @ Tri Coops, Fig Tree

Ever want to write something, but worried people won't like it? Are you overwhelmed by all the workshops at WESTCO? Come to the Fig tree for a creative writing and story telling workshop. We will have time for talking, personal reflection/writing time, and story sharing. No previous writing or story telling experience required. This workshop is meant to be relaxing, non-intensive and fun.

WORKSHOP BLOCK 2 (Cont.) (Sat 12-1:20pm)

Self Care For Activists

Bee Arechiga @ Domes Yurt

In today's hostile and intimidating political climate, it can become exhausting to keep up with and participate in activism, especially for those marginalized folks who are also dealing with other factors such as heavy school/workload, mental illness, etc. It is clear that activism will not get any easier from this point forward, so it is important for those invested in social change to take time for themselves in order to prevent overwhelming stress and breakdowns in various forms due to an increasing burden of having to defend beliefs and causes. The work shop "Self-Care for Activists" focuses on how we as activists can create safe spaces for ourselves and others through everyday decompressing activities, recognizing and implementing methods to heal from marginalization, and techniques for maintaining emotional stability and combatting feelings of inadequacy and mental exhaustion among others.

Botanical Decolonization

Em Dalmeyer and Katie Fhyrie @ J Street Garden

A short discussion & hands on planting workshop at J Street Co-op. Come talk about how planting and tending native plants on can be a radical act...and then do it! Be it sign painting, discussion, moving mulch or digging stumps, all kinds of participation are welcomed. This workshop will acknowledge that the land we plant and tend to is stolen land, and we have an obligation to understand our place in this colonial context.

Troubleshooting Meeting Facilitation

Morgan/NASCO @ Tri Coops, DSC Living Room

Have you ever facilitated or attended a meeting that wasn't as productive, inclusive, or as fun as you hoped? How can facilitators ensure that all voices are heard? An effective democratic, cooperative process requires first-class facilitation. In this session, we will discuss our collective facilitation experience, swap tips and tricks, and put our skills to work in some fun skits. Participants will leave this roundtable with new strategies, resources, and perspectives on facilitating in a cooperative context.

WORKSHOP BLOCK 3 (Sat 3:40-5pm)

A Dictionary of Deviance: The ABCs of Radical* Romance and Sexuality

Paulina @ Tri Coops, Fig Tree

Round-table discussion style about polyamory, multiple partners, sex work and the kink/fetish/bdsm community, etc.

Re-imagining Sustainability

Ester Lee @ Tri Coops, DSC Living Room

This session will feature a discussion on sustainable gardening for small spaces, then lead into a round table on various methods for enacting sustainable practices in your backyards, in any environment. We will cover topics like composting, water-wise landscaping, and home gardens.

Visualizing the Resistance

Anna de Benedictis and Scout Faller @ Tri Coops, Pierce Living Room

A workshop space equipped with art supplies where attendees design visual representations of resistance tied to identity, ancestry, family, mental health, political climate and activist movements (AND MORE??). There will be resources of recent and historically successful images, unsuccessful images, and the grey area of visual media for healing, bringing visibility and providing rallying calls.

Anti-Oppression and Fair Housing Law

Ratih/NASCO @ Tri Coops, Agg Living Room)

Love Doesn't Trump Hate: Moving Beyond Performative Allyship

Dani Palacios + Ulises Aleman @ Domes, Yurt

Using memes, tweets, and vines as well as real life examples (and being informed by academic readings) this is a workshop on why "love trumps hate" is a jank af, shitty, ahistorical slogan especially during a time of increasing visibility of neo nazi, white supremacist movements. This work shop will define terms such as tone policing, performative allyship, and violence by looking at how these interact with the usage of slogans like this. Lastly, an introduction of a more actionable way of loving people on the margins, one that requires fierce action and accountability.

About SCHA

Students from the Davis Student Cooperative worked with Village Homes architects Mike and Judy Corbett to build the Sunwise Cooperative from 1978-1979. Founders Jennifer Fipps, David Sausjord, Glenn Schoenfeld, David Smart, Susan Beth Steckler, Barbara Wezelman, Jon Weinstein created the Solar Community Housing Association to own and manage the property, to be directed by a board of the residents.

In 1986, the Davis Art Center moved from its location on 234 J Street to Central Park and donated the old J Street building to SCHA. Taking a mortgage on Sunwise, SCHA refurbished the building to create a total of seven bedrooms and replace the roof through a volunteer effort, giving rise to the J Street cooperative.

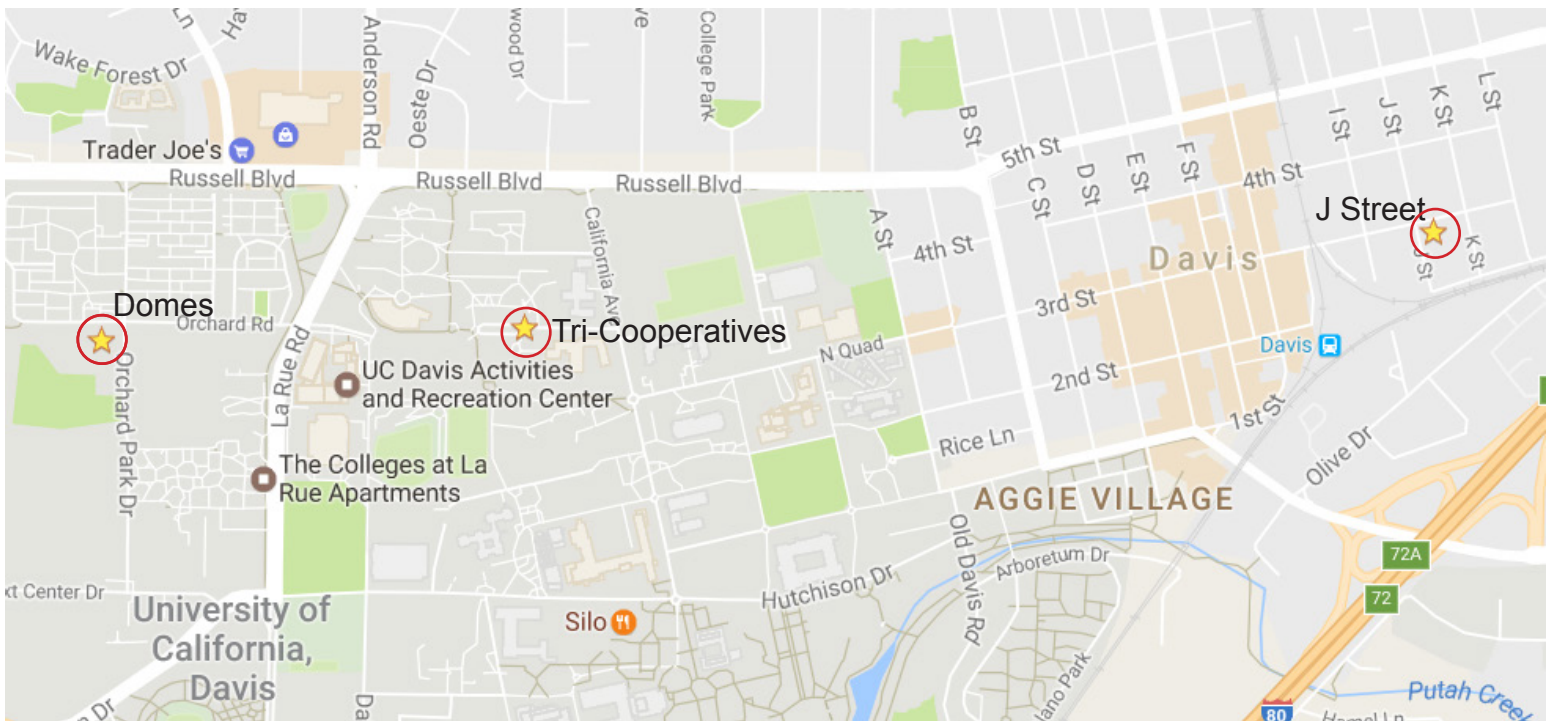
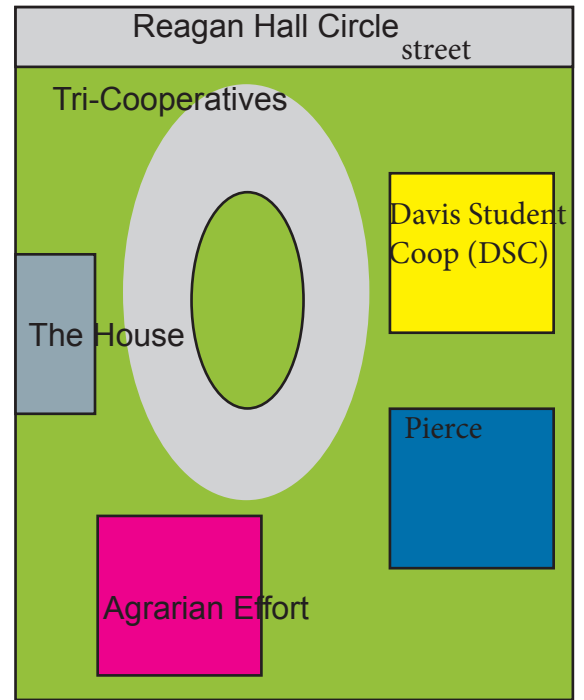
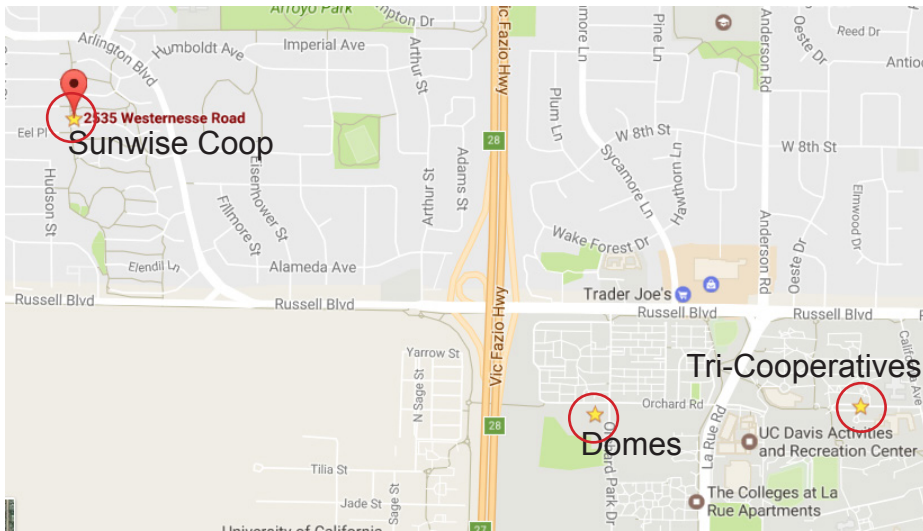
In 1992, SCHA began to move and renovate several buildings to a lot in east Davis to create a "homestead" of houses. The houses featured a variety of experimental green building measures, from recycled materials to roof ponds, and originally opened to serve exclusively single parent families. The properties were originally occupied in 1996. By 2006, it has become clear that Federal funding requirements, the needs of single-parents and other challenges made the Homestead Cooperative a social and financial liability to SCHA. The property was sold to the Community Housing Opportunities Corporation and Yolo Community Care Continuum to better serve the community.

In 2008, looks deeply into two expansion projects, exploring the possibilities of purchasing homes on the open market. The high cost of housing prohibits further expansion. In the spring of 2009 the City of Davis issued a call for proposals to implement a low-income housing project on two vacant lots in Old East Davis.

SCHA proposed a low-income cooperative, and was awarded the project on July 28th, 2009. The support of Old East Davis neighbors, other local organizations, and SCHA alumni was instrumental to the award. January 2012 SCHA offered its first leases to full-time students to live at the Bag-gins End Domes in the Sustainable Research Area on the University of California, Davis campus. In 1972, 'the Domes' became the first student-built campus housing cooperative in the country. Remaining loyal to SCHA's roots in the cooperative communities on campus, SCHA is partnering with students and the university to help maintain sustainable, cooperative housing opportunities at UCD for years to come.

The most recent addition to SCHA are the Tri-Cooperatives, which merged with the organization in 2015/2016. The three houses situated on campus has added about 70 on-campus members. Committed to diversity and resources for Davisites and students together SCHA continues to organize workshops, maintain committees, and strive to walk the talk of cooperation and living and learning communities.

Maps



Domes



Addresses:

Domes: 7 Baggins End

Sunwise: 2535 Westernesse Road

J Street: 234 J street

Tri-Cooperatives: Reagan Hall Circle

Corner Coop: 235 J street

We encourage and create community and respect for environment through affordable, cooperative housing.