



Resources: Cooperative Movement

Recommended Reading:

This article by the USDA - Cooperatives 101 - gives an overview of the history and practicalities of worker cooperatives in the US:

<http://www.rd.usda.gov/files/cir55.pdf>

Brief history of the cooperative movement from the International Cooperative Alliance

<http://ica.coop/en/whats-co-op/history-co-operative-movement>

Podcasts:

The Story of Stuff Podcast – Workers as owners <http://community-wealth.org/content/story-stuff-podcast-workers-owners>

Conscious Business Podcast – The Cooperative Movement: It's not me and mine, it's we and ours

<http://podcasts.personallifemedia.com/podcasts/237-conscious-business/episodes/3833-cooperative-movement-s-me-mine-s-we>

National Cooperative Business Association – series of interviews with co-op leaders

<http://nbaclusa100.coop/podcasts/>

*See GEO podcast referenced at the bottom of the page too

Videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DNVzOsZt6ew> - The Story of the Rochdale Pioneers

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lgh1qcFHo-4> - 100 Years of Cooperation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Zol0C1mPek> - The Mondragon Cooperatives

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=avg790fz0So> - How Do Cooperatives Impact Development?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8G1-SYMatNc> - Own The Change: Building Economic Democracy One Worker Coop at a Time

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mc04jfn8iic> - What Is A Housing Coop?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_TVIghQMkBg - Cooperative Economics and Civil Rights

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DaBvmnAvesv> - (1 min Excerpt from above clip)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cOCsfEYqsYs> - The Take

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8RCZPrUIU0o> – Co-operatives are everywhere!

Websites:

The definitions of a coop and cooperative values/principles, as defined by the International Co-operative Alliance (this is also the definition used by NASCO):

<http://ica.coop/en/what-co-operative>

The Grassroots Economic Organizing(GEO) website has a LOT of articles about how to promote a “solidarity economy” - an economy based on democratic participation, worker and community ownership, social and economic justice, and ecological sustainability (like worker co-ops). The articles tend to be very long, but are jam-packed with information and context. They also have a podcast!

Website: <http://www.geo.coop/about>

Podcasts: <http://www.geo.coop/search/node/podcast>

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