

SLICE

Strengthening Local Independent Co-ops Everywhere

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Central Co-op and
BALLE Seattle present:
**Strengthening Local
Independent Co-ops
Everywhere**

SLICE
Saturday October 3,
9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Richard Hugo House
1634 11th Avenue,
Capitol Hill, Seattle

\$30
per person
work-trade and
scholarships available

**Strengthening Local Independent
Co-ops Everywhere**
On October 3, 1978, Central Co-op in Seattle
opened its doors. On October 3, 2009, we
celebrate 31 years with SLICE: Strengthening
Local Independent Co-ops Everywhere, a
day-long workshop on cooperative basics for
people starting or interested in starting a new
co-op, and anyone who supports co-ops and
cooperation.

With the economy and environment disrupted
by speculation and the endless drive for
growth and profit, SLICE brings together
people from around Puget Sound and
Washington to support strong, values-based
cooperative enterprises as accountable and
sustainable alternatives to standard ways of
doing business.



SLICE agenda
9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Orientation
9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Sign in, refreshments, meet
cooperators from around the
region, fuel up for the morning.

Introductory Keynote:
"Why cooperate?"
10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Setting the tone for the day.

Workshop Panels
Three themes cross morning
and afternoon workshop
periods.

**I: So You Want to Start a
Co-op: Cooperative business
101**

**II: Cooperation in
Community: Meeting
community needs**

**III: Cooperative
Development: Cooperative
values in practice**

Panelists bring special
knowledge, but everyone
helps shape the conversation.
Attendees may switch themes
from morning to afternoon.

Morning workshops
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

I: Becoming a Legal Entity
State incorporation law, co-op
models, Articles of
Incorporation; board, owner,
and worker recruitment; tools,
resources, organizations.

II: Meeting Community Needs
Assessing needs; creating
community tools; incorporated
and unincorporated
cooperation; organizational
process and community
accountability.

**III: Getting your co-op on
the same page**
Structure and process;
cooperative leadership;
team-building around
purpose, vision, and values;
communication and
decision-making; strategic
planning; succession planning.

Lunch Roundtables
12 noon - 1:30 p.m.
Lunch from Central Co-op;
discussion groups based on
the three themes.

**Roundtable I: Business
Plans**
Discuss your start-up co-op's
business plan, or help others
with their plans.

**Roundtable II: I never met
a need we couldn't
meet...together!**
Share ideas and stories about
meeting community needs
through cooperation.

**Roundtable III: Building
the Cooperative Movement**
Grow our community of co-op
businesses.

**Plenary Panel: Perspectives
on Global Cooperation**
1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Cooperation around the
world, with a panel of
cooperators from around the
world.

Afternoon Workshops
3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

I: Co-op Finances 101
Raising capital; co-op equity;
patronage dividends; finance
reports; what to pay attention
to.

**II: "Argentina: Turning
Around"**
(2008 film, 37 min)
By local filmmakers Mark
Dworkin and Melissa Young,
present for discussion. "An
intimate view of new models
of work, politics, and
community development in
Argentina."

**III: Regional Cooperative
Development**
Marketing and PR;
coalition-building; strategic
vision; lobbying and policy
development.

Bringing it all together
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Report-backs, synthesis, and
celebration of the day's work.

A round for the house!
6 p.m. - choose your own
adventure
After-party around the corner
at Elysian Brewing Company,
site of SLICE organizing
meetings.

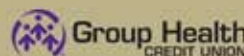
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\$30 per person
Advance registration and payment
required; work-trade and scholarships
available, visit centralcoop.coop
to register and purchase tickets or apply
for scholarship. Limited overnight
accommodation available for
out-of-town participants, apply with
registration.

Complete information on panelists and
presenters, directions, and link to map,
at centralcoop.coop.

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