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# Appalachia Cooperates Initiative



## Overview

The Appalachia Cooperates Initiative is a learning network connecting cooperative, community, business, and economic developers and advocates in Central Appalachia to:

- Develop practitioners' awareness and understanding of the cooperative model and of cooperative development resources to better recognize and act on cooperative opportunities in their communities
- Foster relationships among practitioners that will facilitate joint cooperative development activities in Central Appalachia and allow practitioners to better utilize existing resources
- Raise awareness of the cooperative business model as an opportunity for economic development and justice in the region

## All About Collaboration

The Appalachia Cooperates Initiative was born out of a collaborative dialogue between partners in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. The College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) Center for Cooperatives at The Ohio State University leads the Initiative, facilitating and organizing sessions. The Initiative is guided by a collaborative of partner organizations throughout the region, including:

- West Virginia University Extension Service Community Development
- Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development
- Appalachian Center for Economic Networks
- Unlimited Future
- Lock Haven University
- Cooperation Central Appalachia

These collaborative organizations contribute to the development of Initiative strategies and learning sessions. Representatives participate in learning sessions contributing their vast expertise in economic development, community building, and scholarship.



## How to Get Involved

The Appalachia Cooperates Initiative hosts in-person quarterly workshops, dialogues, screenings and other events that are focused on learning and peer-exchange around the co-op model.

**Contact the CFAES Center for Cooperatives for more information.**

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## 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### WORKER OWNERSHIP IN APPALACHIA

Interested in economic justice in Appalachia? Worker owned businesses have the potential to build wealth in communities across Appalachia. Join us for a free screening of the film, Shift Change, and a conversation with students, community leaders, and co-op experts about recognizing and fostering cooperative opportunities in your community!



**JANUARY 23, 2020**

**Ohio University, Athens, Ohio**

**Venue:** Vernon R. Alden Library, CoLab Classroom

**Cost:** Free

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**FEBRUARY 28, 2020**

**West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia**

**Venue:** Agricultural Sciences Building, Room 4004

**Cost:** Free

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**APRIL 8, 2020**

**Ohio State University, Wooster, Ohio**

**Venue:** ATI Research Services, Room 130

**Cost:** Free

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**APRIL 16, 2020**

**Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio**

**Venue:** Agricultural Engineering, Conf Rm AE0219

**Cost:** Free

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### MARCH 20 – LEARN THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF WORKER OWNERSHIP, St. Clairsville, Ohio

How does a worker cooperative work? Learn the nuts and bolts of worker-ownership and start recognizing co-op opportunities in your community. This practical workshop of the Appalachia Cooperates Initiative will feature experts sharing how co-ops compare to other business models, cooperative finance, director responsibilities, and experiences working with co-op entrepreneurs.

**Venue:** Ohio University Eastern, Shannon Hall, Rm 219

**Cost:** \$25 registration fee

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### SUMMER 2020 – WORKER OWNERSHIP LEARNING TOUR

How can communities build inclusive economies using cooperatively owned businesses? Scholars have recognized communities like Cleveland and Cincinnati, Ohio for their ecosystem approach to cooperative development, including their collaborative approach to developing networks of worker-owned enterprises. Join the Appalachia Cooperates Initiative to tour one of these communities and to learn first-hand about the worker-owned enterprises changing their communities. Registration and fee will be required. Please contact the CFAES Center for Cooperatives if you are interested in receiving more information about the tour as it becomes available.

