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CCNC Co-op Conference March 28-29, 2022: Wilmington, NC

DEI Workshop: Take home tools for your board and staff to start, continue or develop your organization's DEI policy. Facilitated by Veronica Calderon of Truliant Federal Credit Union and Emma Norman of LGFCU.



Digital Skills Panel: A panel of industry experts discuss broadband skills and literacy in North Carolina with a Q&A session. Facilitated by Nelle Hotchkiss of North Carolina's Electric Cooperatives. The panel includes Donna Bullard of Star Communications, Debbie Hamrick of NCFB, Maggie Woods of Institute of Emerging Issues and Nate Denny of NCDIT.

Cultivating Inspiration Among Cooperatives: A Principle 6 Workshop with Mike Mercer and Diana Houston of COOPR8 Consulting.



Guest Speakers: Maurice Smith of LGFCU and Civic FCU, Susan Davis of SH Davis Empowerment Group.



Join us!
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Our Annual Co-op Conference is back and we are heading to the beach! Register today to join us for a fun filled, informative couple of days at the Hilton Embassy Suites in Wilmington, NC! Hotel rates available for a Sunday check-in. We are excited to see you, your staff, and board members for our co-op conference at the beach.

Register online at www.cnc.coop



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Cooperative Leadership Camp (CLC) June 20-24, 2022

Cooperative Council of NC presents #CLC, a five day, four night camp hosted in June for High School Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors. We are hosting camp **June 20-24, 2022** at Camp Monroe in Laurel Hill, NC. This site has stayed open through the past couple years with improved health and safety standards for all attendees. We are excited to offer new programs and workshops as well as a bigger space for our group.

Attendees Will:

- Learn the value of a Cooperative Business
- Discover the Cooperative Principles
- Build a Cooperative Business
- Meet new friends
- Create lifelong camp memories

Workshops Include:

- A Day in the Life of a Line Worker
- Game of Life: Reality of Money
- Digital Skills: Green Screen Demo
- Food Cooperative's Living Wage
- Being a Co-op Farmer
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- Building a Worker/Owner Tee Shirt Co-op



The high school attendees build a worker/owner Tee Shirt Cooperative over the five day four night camp. The students are challenged with real business decisions of electing board members, hiring a General Manager and creating a successful business plan in the cooperative way. The students design, produce and distribute their tee shirts to each other during camp. Industries throughout the Cooperative movement bring hands on experiential workshops to camp for the teens to see each industry.

Students entering their sophomore, junior or senior year of high school can apply to attend with a letter of recommendation from their school or a community leader.

Sponsor a student (or a few) now online.

Applications are open for students at www.CCNC.coop.

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CCNC Member Spotlight: CCE turns 10, Announces New Programs

By Kelly J. Liddington, Cooperative Developer, Carolina Common Enterprise

Carolina Common Enterprise (CCE), the Cooperative Development Center for North Carolina turns 10 this summer! Started by the Exec. Director, Thomas Beckett and current member of the board Becky Bowen, CCE has come a long way. Funded in part by funds from USDA-Rural Development, the private nonprofit 501(c)3, the staff of four works with individuals and groups who are aspiring to further their business interests by working collaboratively with others. Even though COVID-19 has impacted how services are delivered, the staff has made every effort to continue to remain the source of assistance for developing the collaborative business model.

Two new efforts have been started. Zero 2 Coop is a self-paced series of exercises for those who have a dream or a business idea and want to work through the process autonomously. We're right there with you as you discover the potential that your ideas have, but this is a little less physical presence required by staff allowing us to accommodate COVID restrictions and make better use of staff time.

The next program is resident ownership of communities. Doing business as ROCarolinas, this program is currently assisting residents of mobile home parks (MHP) to purchase the land and other amenities of the park. The rent they would pay to an owner goes to fund the mortgage for that purchase and other expenses for the upkeep of the property. A cooperative is formed and a duly elected board of directors oversees the operation and democratically decides about the rent rates.

Many of us don't understand the predatory nature that prevails between some park owners and the residents. "If they don't like the rent rates, they can move!" Leaving their social support systems and perhaps their home if they can't find another park nor afford the move. ROCarolinas staff helps the residents meet the requirements and navigate the process for organizing and operating. The staff stays with them to advise the Directors on how to competently complete their duties until the loan is paid off. Other areas are agricultural groups that want to set up marketing collaboratives or other enterprises. Worker ownership of businesses continues to be an option used for the transfer of assets upon the retirement of the principals of the firm. Food and child care coops are points of interest as well. CCE can help even a small group get a leg up on how to use this form of a business organization to take control of your circumstances. All you need is five people with the same needs, interests, passion, or aspirations to get started.

To visit us on Facebook just enter our name and join the group. If you would like to sign up for the newsletter or Zero 2 Coop, check out our website at commonenterprise.coop. Use the learning tab, sign in, and get started! Use the contact information on the website and we'll get right back to you!

Save the Date! December 6th, 2022

Cooperative Dynamics Workshop is our interactive employee and board member overview of the cooperative business model, the principles and governance. It is a view from all different cooperative industries and how we are all operating as cooperatives. This year we will be hosting our full day workshop in person at the NC Electric Cooperative Statewide office in North Raleigh. We look forward to having your staff and board join us. Registration for members will start in August. If you are interested in being a presenter for this workshop, please contact Emily. Emily.Nail@ccnc.coop



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CCNC Committees!

Cooperatives believe we are stronger when a proactive effort is put forth to engage everyone in governance, management and representation. CCNC has several active committees that provide the space to network, connect and share ideas across those industry lines. We welcome you, your staff or board to participate in one of our committees. We meet on zoom monthly for 30-60 minutes. We host one in person Committee Day annually, which is a great way to meet face to face, share your passions and learn more about the other committee members.

Our newest Committee is our DEI Committee: Our DEI Committee is a space to learn, grow and understand how the cooperative movement is applying the 8th Cooperative Principle in business and daily life. Let's learn from each other, share what we're doing and help each other improve our organizations. Let us know if you'd like to participate as a member of our new DEI Committee! We meet the last Wednesday of each month on zoom.

Other Committees include our Programing and Education Committee, Strategic Partners Committee and Communications. Contact us or read more about them online.

Jim Graham Scholarship and Fundraiser

James Allen "Jim" Graham personified North Carolina agriculture as the state's longest serving agriculture commissioner. Jim Graham was the face of North Carolina agriculture for nearly 40 years, earning him the nickname "The Sod Father," and induction into the North Carolina Agricultural Hall of Fame. Jim Graham believed in youth education and our **Cooperative Leadership Camp**. He even visited CLC one summer by way of helicopter, landing the state chopper right in the middle of camp!

The Jim Graham Leadership Scholarship is a \$1,000 college scholarship offered by the Cooperative Council to a graduating high school senior. Students are eligible if they have attended Cooperative Leadership Camp while they were in high school. The recipient is selected by a committee based on the following criteria: understanding of the cooperative movement, leadership, extracurricular activities, community involvement and demonstration of self motivation.



Buy a chance
for a weekend
get-a-way!



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