



Co-Op Dayton- Creating an Economy that Works for All.

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What is a Co-Op?

International Co-Operative Alliance defines a cooperative, or co-op, as “an autonomous association of persons united voluntarily to meet their common economic, social, and cultural needs and aspirations through a jointly-owned and democratically controlled enterprise.”

Mondragon Corporation

How can a Co-Op revitalize an area?

The Problem

The Basque Region of Spain faced high economic depression in 1956 and had little work training for social advancement

The Solution

A business founded on the principles of: Cooperation, Participation of members, Social Responsibility, and Innovation

Places a high level of emphasis of education.

Resulted in them growing to the 10th largest company in Spain

Gem City Market

How can a Co-Op revitalize a community?

The Problem

Little food access in the Lower Salem Ave Area.

Grocery Stores unwilling to open in the area.

The Solution

Forming a coalition of residents to build their own grocery store to meet community needs.

Store members gain control over their food security and gives them control back.

Dayton Trucking Co-Op

How can a Co-Op revitalize businesses by transitioning to a Co-Op?

The Problem

Small Minority Owned Trucking companies were competing against each other for contracts and paying high costs for maintenance.

The Solution

Working together to share costs buy sharing a facility and preventative maintenance costs allowing for them to be more competitive when contracting

Conclusion

Cooperative businesses can benefit the community by giving the power and decision making to the workers/members. This style of business management transfers power to the workers giving them the chance to make decisions that benefit them. Cooperatives allow for dignity of work and ensures that workers are treated fairly because in the end it is their decisions that run the company.