

- Invited to participate in the "GCIR" panel to talk about immigrant community solutions to the challenges we face
- Chosen by the "Kataly Foundation" for a pre-development process of our vision of a solidarity economy site for our cooperative ecosystem
- We began to strengthen the social networks of both CCDS and coope-

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- The CCDS leadership (work team and committees) had an assessment and planning retreat for the work of CCDS in 2023 where we strengthened our long-term vision.
- Restarting the "CooperaYa" program on "Zumix.org" that can be heard every Saturday at 11 am

Events Coming Up

Summer:

- Members of our ecosystem will enjoy a recreational boat trip to one of Boston's islands
- Ecosystem healing event with artist Guadalupe Maravilla at ICA East Boston
- CCDS will conduct a community survey, with organizations and the ecosystem to evaluate the work of CCDS and take the pulse of the cooperative environment in the community.
- CCDS will be participating in the Farmer's Market every Wednesday from 2-6pm from the first week of July through the middle of October at the park in Central Sq. East Boston
- CCDS will be part of "De Nosotros" Foundation event at the tall ship in East Boston
- CCDS will participate with other East Boston organizations in a summer long research of Tufts University about the lessons learned of mutual aid during the pandemic.

Autumn:

- Will conduct our #8 basic cooperative Institute for new members.
- Will conduct the first advanced cooperative Institute for current members of our ecosystem in collaboration with "LEAF."
- With the support of "Co-Everything" we will conduct a participatory pre-development process with our ecosystem and broader community to envision CCDS' ecosystem site.

From Our Ecosystem



- All the cooperatives in our ecosystem began a new development process starting by presenting each of their cooperatives and projects in order to identify the challenges, strengths and needs to create a general educational and individual cooperative development plans.

- Members of "Clean Green Co-op" took out their disinfection certificate

- Certificates were issued with the city for vendors and for minorities from several different coops

- "Sazón Co-op" had the opportunity to pitch at Northeastern University for ENB

- We begin the process of accompaniment and incubation of our new childcare project "Magic Seeds"

- The entire ecosystem came together to kick off 2023 and say goodbye to 2022 with an event that focused on the mental and emotional well-being of our members.



Do You Know?

Do you know how cooperatives are strengthening with technology? Cooperative platforms like "Up & Go" and "The Driver's Co-op" are proving that the co-op structure is more useful in every way for many online services. Other commercial, non-cooperative platforms have created many challenges, including failing to provide decent wages and conditions for the workers who use them. Now cooperatives come to offer an equitable alternative that can break with the exploitative model of the platforms that have monopolized the market.





New Alliances in 2023 that are strengthening CCDS's work

- **ICA Group:** technical and professional support to Magic Seeds and Renacer Coop
- **Up & Go:** Cleaning coops digital platform.
- **Root and Leaf:** Marketing and storytelling
- **CDI:** Cooperative development workshops for our team and support group
- **Tech Goes Home:** Basic tech support for our members.
- **LEAF:** technical support in the development and implementation of the curriculum for the Advanced Institute of Cooperatives
- **BICA:** implementation of the last semester of cooperative English
- **Co-Everything:** Support with CCDS physical vision pre-development plan

All of CCDS's work would not be possible without the support of our community, local organizations, foundations, and our individual donors.

CCDS is also part of local coalitions such as PUEBLO and Solidarity Economy Initiative-SEI

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from the First Semester

2023

From CCDS



- At the end of January the entire ecosystem came together to kick off 2023 and say goodbye to 2022 with an event that focused on the mental and emotional well-being of our members.
- Our new Cooperative Development Coordinator started in February 2023
- Selected by "Common Future" as one of 10 national organizations led by women of color that are helping close the economic and equity gap.