# Inclusive Decision Making

Making Decisions Inclusively and Efficiently



We're the hands-on resource for member and worker owned business in the Pittsburgh region

We provide technical assistance with a focus on cooperative, open, and non-hierarchical governance.

Our motto is "think outside the boss!"

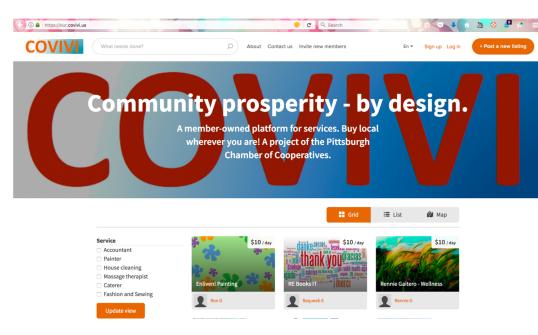


We also facilitate access to the region's legal, business, workforce, real estate, and economic development resources to match your work.

The PCOC can provide (small) startup funding.

There are 17 charter members, plus more each year.





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# Our experiment... A platform cooperative

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ALL IN? You win! We all win!

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### WHAT IS A COOPERATIVE?

A cooperative is a member-owned enterprise that operates to achieve collective economic, social, and/or cultural goals whose governing decisions are made democratically by the members.

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### BASED ON THE COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES

- 1 Open and voluntary membership
- 2 Member economic participation
- 3 Democratic member control
- 4 Autonomy and independence
- 5 Education, training, and open information
- 6 Cooperation among cooperatives
- 7 Concern for community



## SOME OF THE COOPERATIVES IN PGH NOW...











#### FOURTH RIVER WORKERS GUILD











Some Background on Cooperatives



# What we hope you walk out with:

An understanding of good alternatives to hierarchical decision making and relying solely on past input.

MOST of all today...

How to make it efficient!



# Decision Making for Business:

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# Ryan Haggerty

Digital media producer in narrative and documentary forms.

Cultural organization board member
In addition to his creative pursuits, Ryan enjoys volunteering in
community events, tasting new beers, and being the best at Duck

Game.

See more about Ryan at www.HaggertyMedia.com.

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Who's here to tell their story?





## Raqueeb Bey

Urban agriculturist, community activist.

Mother of six phenomenal children.

Grow Pittsburgh's Garden Resource Center Coordinator

Mama Africa's Green Scouts Founder.

Black Urban Gardeners and Farmers of Pittsburgh Co-Op (BUGS FPC)

Community steering committees and working groups to create sustainable food sovereignty solutions for our communities.

Raqueeb Bey, Black Urban Gardeners and Farmers of Pittsburgh Cooperative @bugscoop412

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#### **Dana Harris-Yates**

was raised farming, gardening, and learning horticulture through passed down Indigenous teachings. She has also assisted many youth and young adults in becoming entrepreneurs and business startups. Dana serves as the Vice President for Mama Africa's Green Scouts, BUG's Manager of Operations, and Board Member of Landslide Community Farms..

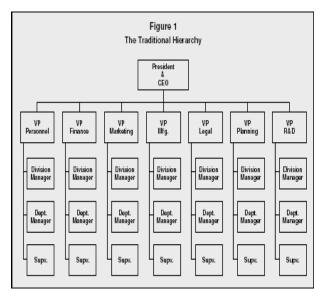
More information on Dana's business are at https://www.facebook.com/culturaloasisllc/

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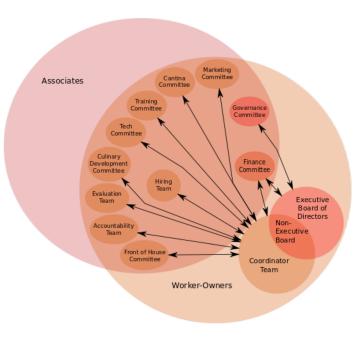
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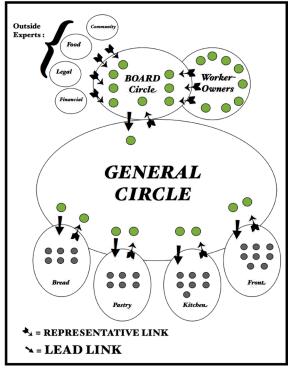


All too common ...



Casa Nueva, a worker-owned restaurant

### Sample organizational structure of a worker-owned cooperative

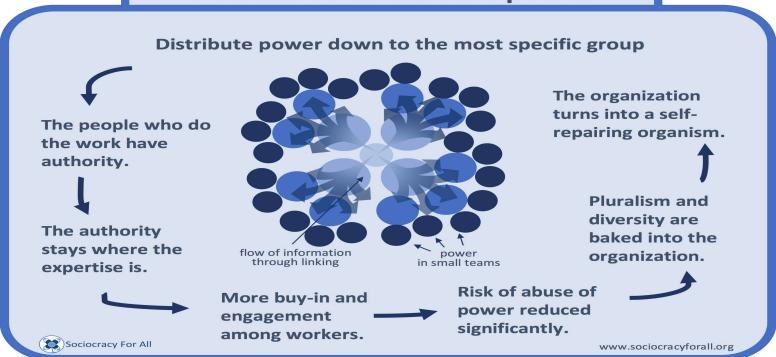


Scorcher Artisan Cooperative, Astoria OR



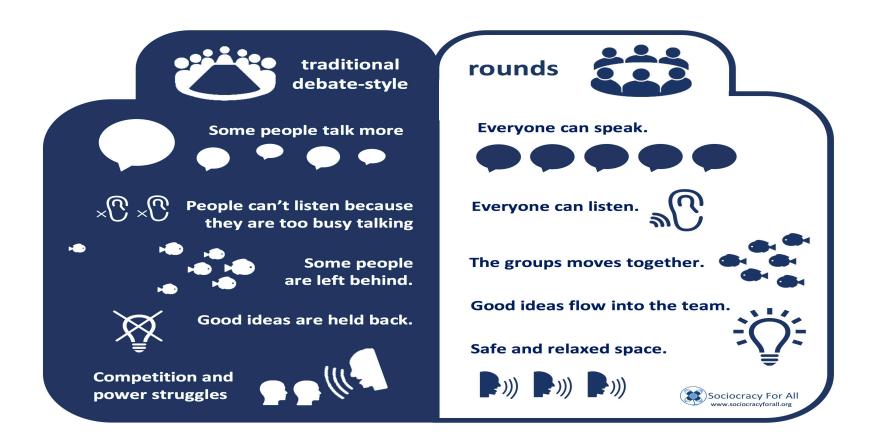


#### **Benefits of distributed power**



A Little Bit About Structure





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Consent decision making means you'll accept it even if it's not your preference...

PREFERENCE

**RANGE OF TOLERANCE** 

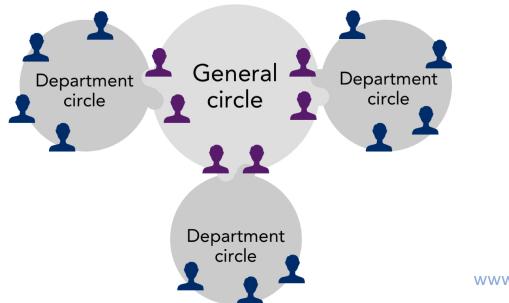
**OBJECTION** 

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General Circle/ double-linking (delegates from one circle to another...

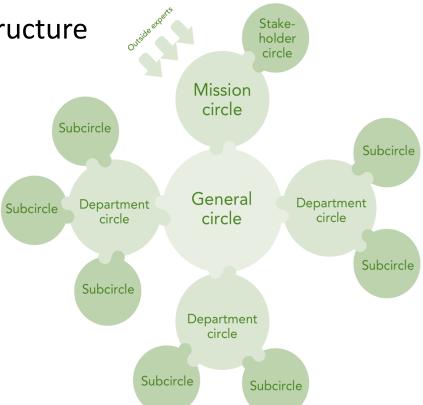


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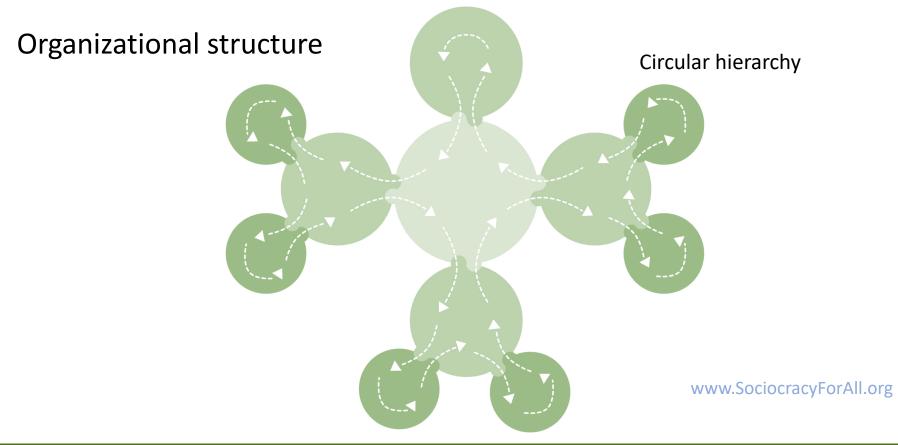
Organizational structure filled out...



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Governance

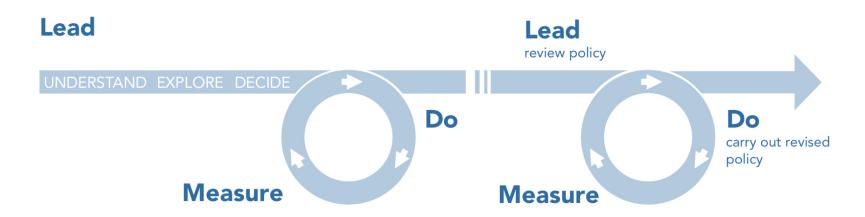








Feedback, as in many organizations, is important...



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Feedback needs to be continuous to ensure people are heard and solutions work.

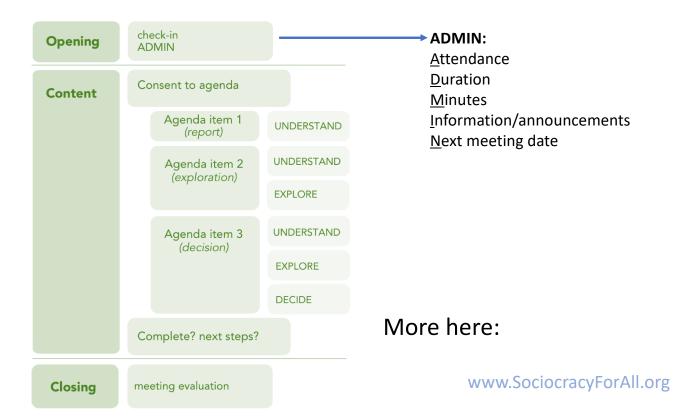


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#### Meeting format:

This is a good format to understand situations, explore solutions, and decide on what to do.

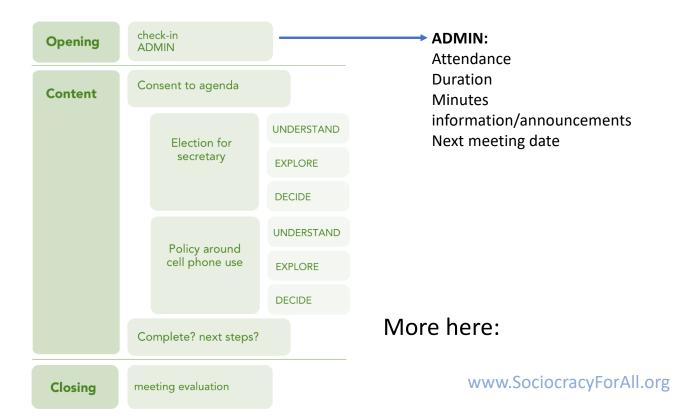


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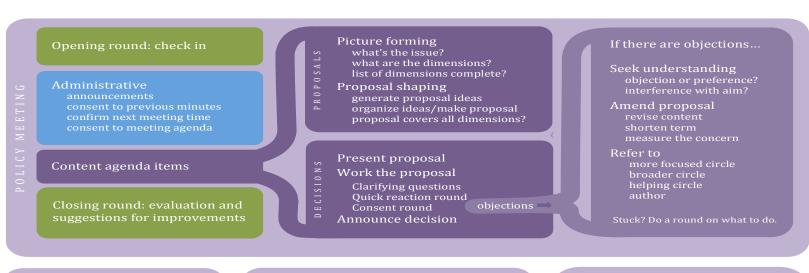
#### Meeting format:

With election/selection and policy decision formats included.



Governance





Reporting

Giving feedback

Planning action

Assigning tasks

Nomination
write down nomination
share reasons in round
revise nomination and share reasons
in change round

Facilitator proposes candidate
Consent round

Formats
rounds
turn and talk
popcorn
free flow
fishbowl

Other options









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