



Return to Black Wall Street

8-Week Cooperative Incubator

Course Description

Return to Black Wall Street educational series provides an introduction to the practical steps individuals need to take in order to establish, build and successfully manage a cooperative enterprise. These teachings will address basic legal and structural questions about starting and running a cooperative business. More significantly, the training includes shifting the mindset in order to adhere to the basic principles that move from the "ME" attitude to the "WE" perspective of equal ownership, and more democratic operating systems.

As an incentive, each participant is paid a stipend. The series is ongoing and is designed for entrepreneurs and influencers seeking to build an alternative to business as usual - the worker cooperative. By the end of the course participants will be equipped with the fundamental tools on how to form their own cooperative business and acquire the following:

- Gain a basic understanding of the cooperative form from a functional and principled perspective
- Understand the cooperative principles in practice
- Distinguish cooperatives from other business forms
- Articulate and exercise interdependent thinking, speaking, and behavior

The Producers: Repaired Nations and Village-Connect have produced several trainings both remote and virtual, introducing this model to various audiences in the SF Bay Area through the Think Outside the Boss model, which is a continuation of this series focused on the African-American community. In 2018 Repaired Nations began educating young people of color in California about cooperative enterprise and developing the necessary infrastructure for cooperative development in under-resourced and disadvantaged communities.

Their cooperative book clubs and workshops are capturing the imagination of young people looking to build a New Economy that's equitable for all, starting with historically disadvantaged populations.