



COMMUNITY REAL ESTATE STEWARDSHIP LEARNING CIRCLE



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Puget Sound Sage works at the intersections of racial and economic justice to advance climate justice, equitable development of land and transportation, and workers rights and justice through community based participatory research, coalition organizing, policy advocacy, & leadership development.

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- Communities of Opportunity is an initiative that was catalyzed in 2014 by King County and the Seattle Foundation uniting with each other and with communities to address inequity; promote leadership; influence changes to institutions, systems, and policies; and seat the base of power within communities. The Learning Community creates spaces for communities and organizations to share their work and gain additional skills across sectors and geographic areas to advance impact across the region.
- Visit <http://www.coopartnerships.org> to learn more.



We are on the occupied
unceded land of the coast
Salish people, specifically
the Duwamish Tribe.

SESSION 1: GOALS

1. Begin building connection & relationship to one another
2. Get clear about the program structure, logistics, & content
3. Provide historical context for land use and development in our region through an intersectional racial justice lens
4. Define and introduce concepts of Community Stewardship and explore how this strategy can fight displacement

SESSION 1: INTRO TO COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP AGENDA

- Welcome & Introductions
- Group Agreements
- Program Overview
- Getting to Know Each Other
- History of Land use and Development in our Region
- LUNCH 12:30 -1:00

○ What is Community Stewardship?

- ❖ **Name, Organization, Role**
- ❖ **Gender Pronouns**
- ❖ **What do you need from this space or the group to participate fully today? Any access needs that the group can help support you with?**
- ❖ **One reason your organization is excited to be in the learning circle**

PROGRAM GOALS

1. Develop shared understanding and definition of Community Stewardship and why it's important
2. Deepen understanding of current models of land use and development and explore alternative models that could lead to increased community control of land and housing
3. Give participants a roadmap to start Community Stewardship projects
4. Increase skills in community organizing, base building, accountability, and successful partnerships

WHO OR WHAT IS HOME FOR YOU?

WHO IS YOUR COMMUNITY?

WHY DO YOU DO THIS WORK?

WHO IS PROUD OF YOU?

TIMELINE GALLERY WALK

- Spend 30 mins looking at the timeline
- Use post-its to add events that are missing
- Make a note of what stands out to you and any questions you have
- Put a dot on any events that had a major impact on your life or your family

SMALL GROUPS (10 MINS)

- What was new to you?
- What events had a major impact on you or your family?
- What do you want to learn more about?

Private property laws were created to establish and maintain systems of racial and economic subordination of Black and Indigenous people

Concepts of property and race were developed together.

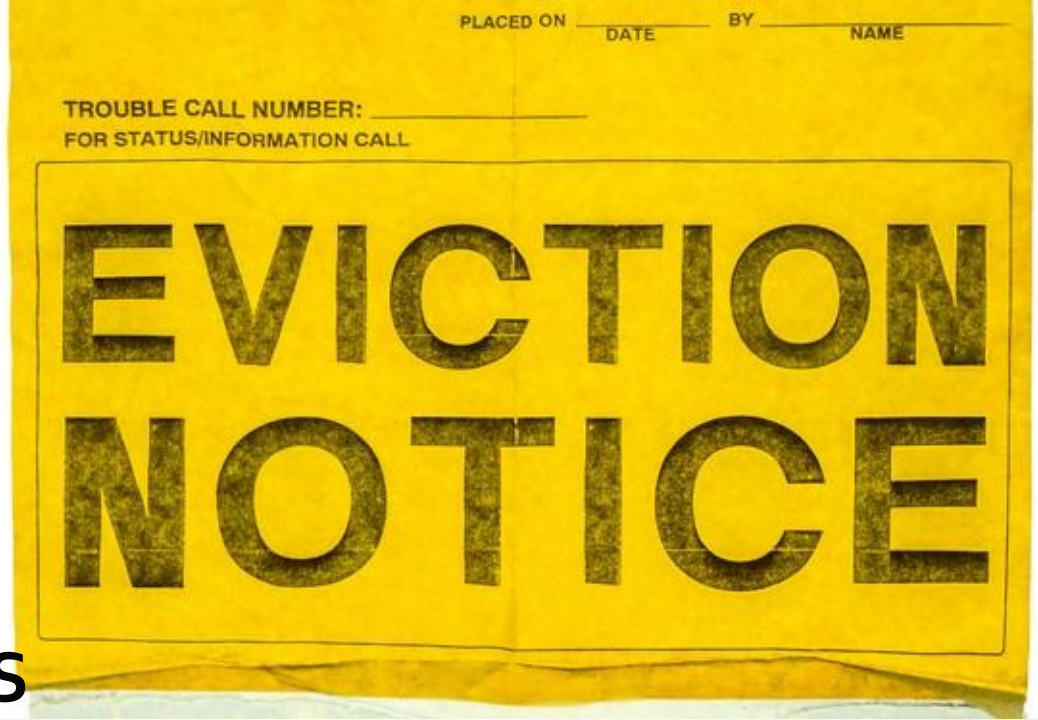
Some big questions we will explore together...

- How do we create relationships to land that honors and recognizes indigenous stewardship?
- How do we decolonize ideas of ownership?
- What could it look like to create collective models of housing or land use that truly benefit the community and put community needs above profit?

WHAT IS COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP OF LAND?

Communities- whether neighborhood based, cultural, identity, or issue focused- **control land with a goal to keep the land out of the speculative market.**

- The land can be used for housing, businesses, services, parks, etc.
- The entity that owns the land is:
 - driven by strong values,
 - is led by the people they serve,
 - practices democratic decision making, and
 - has a contract or agreement that specifies the purpose and governance of maintaining the land.



WHAT IS DISPLACEMENT?



IMPACTS OF DISPLACEMENT

Homelessness



Community Connection



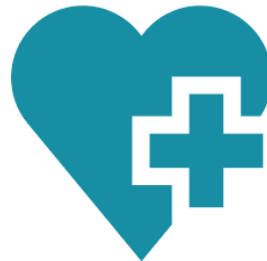
Climate



Community Power



Health



Education Outcomes



DISPLACEMENT IS A CYCLE



COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP AS ANTIDOTE...

Community Stewardship transforms the purpose of land from **commodity** to a **shared resource**, permanently.

Community stewardship is not a new idea.

Defined by principles.

COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP PRINCIPLES

Values Driven: guided by values of Inclusion and Racial Justice, Affordability, and Accountability to Community over profit.

Collective Ownership and Self-Determination: Community together owns or controls land, rather than individuals.

Democratic Decision Making and Governance: Residents and the community are primary decision makers over land and housing and work together cooperatively and democratically.

Permanent or Long Term Use: A legally binding contract or agreement specifies the purpose and governance of maintaining the land in perpetuity.

Building Community Power: Residents are trained and organized to effectively participate in aspects of their housing, broader community development, and policy that governs land and housing.

COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP: SCALE

**Land = Economic and Political Power and
Community Sovereignty**

**Starts here in this room (and out) and then
build to scale**

What resources do we need?

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