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You're welcome!

Always... ;)

Thanks, Kristin Law  Smart marketing :)

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Tara Bamford: Thank you Amber!

Amber McCray: I love how all these BIG projects started as SMALL tests and experiments!

Jo Anne Carr: Great to add to our lessons learned.

Lori Hunter: Hello from rural southern Illinois. Susan Odum, BTW - I noticed that we might have some attendees in the session from Wyoming - I was actually born in Rock Springs. I had the opportunity to return to the community a few years ago to see the place I was born.

Becky McCray: Becky McCray Agreed. I think it's so important to remember that all of these amazing programs started a small seed that was planted.

Kirstan Knowlton: Kirstan Knowlton sometimes we get intimidated by the big results, and think we have to start big or not at all. "Go big or go home" when really, we all have to start small.

Deb Wisniewski (she/her/hers): transporting kids from school to school has been a stumbling block for us.

Emily Iacobucci: Debs so true. We have a slogan: start small, start smart, start now.

Emily Iacobucci: OOOOOOO that's good, Deb Wisniewski !

Susan Chase: What streams of funding do you have?


Tara Bamford: Thanks Lisa, great advice on resiliency!

Lori Hunter: Jo Anne Carr have you tried senior citizens to help with transport of kids?

Emily Iacobucci: Amazing growth! This makes me think of an organization in our community called the Kodiak Mission and Heritage Farm.

Deb Wisniewski (she/her/hers): Greetings Les from one island to another. We live on Washington Island, a community of 700 people year-round, 1/2 hour ferry ride from the main land.

Emily Iacobucci: I almost took a job on Deer Isle about a decade ago. Now I live on an island on the other side of the continent

Deb Wisniewski (she/her/hers): Emily Lavelle-Bernier what island?

Emily Iacobucci: Kodiak Island AK

Emily Lavelle-Bernier: cool!

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Carolyn Salmon: You might look into Sociocracy (dynamic governance) as a model for governance.

Kathleen Menegozzi: Les- What kind of training do you offer your worker owners?

Kathleen Menegozzi: Thanks Carolyn! That's actually the model I'm looking into right now.

Tara Bamford: Thank you Les!

Rob Brown: You're doing great work Les!

Amber Lambke: We are looking into expansion of Maine Grains by developing a multipurpose building next door on a vacant lot. We are looking at concepts from Radical XChange, including 'quadratic voting' and high tech digital tools for financial and organizational governance that broadly serve the community. https://www.radicalxchange.org/

Les Weed: There is actually a good ending to the story of where we are now

Emily Lavelle-Bernier: Looking forward to hearing it Les!

Lori Hunter: Wyomina Art Drop was created to support WY artists. It is an annual box of 6 pieces from 6 artists purchased as a package. Each year there are new artists. We pay artists up front and are working to market it across the country. This model could easily be copied by other states.

Amber Lambke: Such a good point. Sometimes the starting point is learning to say out loud what we are GOOD at, what we CAN do, and what we HAVE- changing the language used to talk about ourselves.

Tara Bamford: Great point about not letting negativity become reality. Helping people imagine a better future is often the biggest challenge.

Amber Lambke: Amber Lambke yes!

Emily Lavelle-Bernier: Can you please repeat the consultant you worked with on examining your assets?

Melissa Levy: I've had the pleasure of working with these amazing women... great work and great impact! This is true creative economy work.

Jenny Whittaker: https://www.wealthworks.org/

Emily Lavelle-Bernier: thanks!


Becky McCray: Building great connections here!

Tara Bamford: There are so many great ideas packed into each of these examples!
How far is your advertising reach? What means do you use to advertise/mark to tourists?

Thank you Sulynn and Kristin!


Thank you Melissa! Always our greatest cheerleader <3

We SO love this!!!

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This is making my heart warm :)

#takecareoftheelders

Trey Warren Quimper Village in Port Townsend, WA

Wagon deliveries!!

What happens when a resident needs care?

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Awesome!

Thank you Carolyn, nice model for our futures! I esp. like the consensus approach as community building.

hand clap emoji

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