

A-Zone Member Profiles

Mondragon Bookstore and Coffeehouse combines its vegan fare with its worker ownership and long history as an activist hub and event space. More recently it has added an organic grocery store.

Winnipeg Copwatch literally lives up to its name through active patrols. They also hosted an international conference on the subject last summer.

Boreal Forest Network has been a key advocate for protecting Lake Winnipeg's east side and recently used the building to co-launch a boycott of paper company Weyerhaeuser with other supporters of Grassy Narrows First Nation.

Rounding out the six members are three more businesses: ParIT (open source software consultants), Natural Cycle Courier (city-wide, all season, bike-only courier company), and Rudolph Rocker Cultural Centre (a multi-purpose event space that is host to everything from yoga to theatre). Like Mondragon, these three other businesses are worker co-operatives.

There has been press coverage of the process in The Uniter, Uptown, The Winnipeg Free Press, and CBC Television (Winnipeg).