Week 2 in our online class is purposely left open for class participants to attend the Up & Coming food co-op conference in Milwaukee, WI.

The Up and Coming conference provides training and networking opportunities to people starting new food co-ops in their communities. Leading consultants and trainers will be presenting workshops to co-op organizers from across the country.

We will host an orientation session on the first day where Food Co-op Development students will have the opportunity to meet the course instructors and get to know each other. During the conference, attendees will choose from among over 40 workshops and case study presentations. Ample networking opportunities are planned for you to meet your development peers and professional development trainers.

The conference will be held at the InterContinental Hotel. It’s a great hotel in downtown Milwaukee close to lots of restaurants, night life and other entertainment options. Mark your calendars for March 9-11. **Attendance is optional but is very highly recommended.**

Separate registration is required. We will let you know when registration and hotel reservations are open. Participants in the online program may qualify for registration scholarships; however, the deadline will be about 6 weeks before the event, so plan to register and apply early. All participants are responsible for their own travel and accommodations. Meals are provided at the conference.