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Co-op Housing Workshop: Montreal's Milton-Park Community

When: Tuesday, May 30, 2017
Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Where: OISE 252 Bloor St W
Room: 7th floor Peace Lounge (fully accessible space)
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED – ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND

Please join us for an engaging evening on the history of the largest non-profit housing cooperative project in Canada, the Milton-Park Community in Montreal, presented by community organizer Dimitrios Roussopoulos. His workshop on establishing grassroots housing co-ops will be followed by a public discussion.

In the 1960s, speculators wanted to destroy a downtown Montreal neighbourhood to build massive condos, office towers and shopping malls. For over ten years, residents of the Milton-Park neighbourhood fought back with direct action: squatting empty residences, occupying the developers' offices, petitioning and blocking traffic. The community won, creating the largest urban land trust in North America, liberating the buildings and land from the market and abolishing speculation. Today, 21 non-profit housing organizations, of which 15 are cooperatives, collectively own six whole downtown city blocks, housing 1,500 people in this remarkable urban village.

Members from Milton-Park have presented on their accomplishments around the world, but this will be the first presentation in Canada outside of Quebec!

Dimitrios Roussopoulos is the publisher of Black Rose Books and a long time community organizer in Montreal.

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