Thursday, Aug 20

9:30am-3:30pm Social Good Summit  — Wisconsin Institutes for Discovery, 330 North Orchard Street

Entrepreneurship at its best incorporates the business of improving the world we live in — caring, sharing, building community, and unleashing new creative economies. Mutual Aid Networks will be represented on this panel, hosted as part of the Forward Technology Festival. Now offered free for MAN Up Summit participants! Use the MutualAid discount code here.

3:30-4pm Open for registration  — Art In, 1444 E. Washington

4pm – 6pm Welcome, overview, offer and request skill shares, plan for week  — Art In, 1444 E. Washington

Skill shares are sessions where participants teach a skill or share a project with other interested participants. Facilitation assistance can be provided by summit organizers.

6pm-8pm Welcome reception  — Light meal in Jennie Capellaro’s (owner of Green Owl Cafe) backyard. With live music from Mary Bue on Jennie’s upright piano!

Friday, Aug 21

10am – 12pm Funders’ Circle  — Center for Change, 612 W Main St, Ste 200 – available online

This is for people engaged in funding innovative projects. We will explore ways to fund the kind of system change we seek, and co-create new resource allocation processes that work better for both funders and fundees. If you’re interested in participating please email info@mutualaidnetwork.org.

1pm – 4:30pm Sociocracy training with James Priest from Thrive-In Community from the UK: Introduction to S3 – foundations and the Consent Decision Making process*  — Art In, 1444 E. Washington

Sociocracy is a deeply inclusive decision-making process and governance structure. We will learn about it in-depth and explore using pieces or all of it for processes within Mutual Aid Networks. We also expect this learning to guide us in organizing our complex work, in circles that communicate effectively and maintain mutual accountability. Learn more about Sociocracy here.

This workshop series consists of a number of sessions you can attend singly, and a few sessions that build on the others and should be attended by those participating in the whole series. The asterisks can guide you.

*Essential Content – recommended for everyone, or stand-alone

5pm – 7pm Community Justice meal and discussion  — Burrows Park, 2102 Sherman Ave

Join activists from Madison, St. Louis, Detroit, Chicago and beyond as we discuss the work we’re each doing for justice in our own communities, and begin our week-long exploration of how we can support each other and collaborate. Outdoors with good food provided by Cafe Costa Rica!
8pm outing – VO5 at Dane Dances, Monona Terrace Rooftop, 1 John Nolen Dr

Dane County TimeBank members and supporters and Madison's favorite disco band VO5 are playing a free show outdoors, Dane Dances! Make a night of it

Saturday, Aug 22

10am – 6pm Rummage for Justice – Social Justice Center rummage sale benefit — Social Justice Center, 1202 Williamson

Home of Dane County TimeBank and likely MAN pilot site, the Social Justice Center (SJC) is hosting a rummage sale fundraiser all day. Check it out! Leftovers will help seed the swap we'll create when we MAN Up the SJC.

1pm – 4pm Sociocracy training with James Priest from Thrive-In Community from the UK: Consent Decision Making – tools and practice* — Art In, 1444 E. Washington

*Essential Content – recommended for everyone, or stand-alone

1pm-8pm Bar Camp Unplugged – Forward Technology Festival – development and contextualization of Wezer (our project sharing and exchange tracking software) with Julien from Valeureux from France, identifying and developing connections and collaborations with other tools and developers.

4pm – 8pm Community Justice Storytelling/Harvest with Lina Cramer & Renee Jackson from Wisdom Exchange in Chicago — Art In, 1444 E. Washington

Sunday, Aug 23

9am-12pm Sociocracy open space with James Priest from Thrive-In Community from the UK: S3 Open Space - practice and integrating the learning so far* — Art In, 1444 E. Washington

*Recommended to have attended 1 previous session

2pm – 6pm Art of Hosting: Allied Coop event – celebrating a year of the Allied Coop! And Art of Hosting workshop with Allied Coop leaders plus Lina Cramer & Renee Jackson from Wisdom Exchange in Chicago. Also featuring 15 minutes of gentle chair yoga and stress reduction breath techniques with Mary Bue — Allied Dr. location TBA

5pm – 6pm Yoga in the Park with Mary Bue Yahara Park, rain location at Art In, 1444 E. Washington

Monday, Aug 24

9am-12pm Sociocracy training with James Priest from Thrive-In Community from the UK: Relational Energetics – power, leadership and the principle of consent* — Art In, 1444 E. Washington

*Stand-alone

1pm – 3pm Community justice collaborations discussion — Art In, 1444 E. Washington — available online
3pm – 5pm Skill shares, MAN Up game prep — Art In, 1444 E. Washington, nearby locations

Participants who want to do skill shares will break into smaller groups focused on specific projects or skills. People who want to help lead the MAN Up simulation game (fun! no experience necessary) will gather to prepare.

7pm – 12am – MAN Launch Party at High Noon Saloon, 701 E. Washington


Tuesday, Aug 25

9am-12pm Sociocracy training with James Priest from Thrive-In Community from the UK: Patterns and practice for effective governance and operational meetings* — Art In, 1444 E. Washington

*Essential Content – recommended for everyone, or stand-alone

12pm – 3pm Community Savings/Investment workshop – featuring (via web) Stephen Hinton of Sweden’s JAK Bank, Phil Stevens of New Zealand Living Economies, Janelle Orsi from Sustainable Economies Law Center. — Art In, 1444 E. Washington – available online

3:30-6pm Skill shares – Robust Budgeting, Work/Life Design, others by offer or request — Art In, 1444 E. Washington

Wednesday, Aug 26

9am – 12pm Sociocracy training with James Priest from Thrive-In Community from the UK: Patterns for distributed leadership, grassroots emergence, multi-agency collaboration and network organisations* — Art In, 1444 E. Washington

*Essential Content – recommended for everyone, or stand-alone

1pm – 5pm Skill Shares and Pro Action Cafe — Art In, 1444 E. Washington and nearby locations

1pm – 4pm MAN Up simulation game redux — apply our learning from the week and from the brief MAN Up game played at the launch party

5pm – Relevant event: We Are All Criminals — Madison Central Library 201 West Mifflin Street – free, with complimentary food provided

This is not organized by Mutual Aid Network organizers, we just think it’s a very cool and relevant event.

7pm – Relevant event: CRT Accountability Panel planning meeting — Art In, 1444 E. Washington

This is a meeting of a group of neighbors and local citizens coordinating a response to police shootings of
Thursday, Aug 27

9:30am - 12:30pm MAN first general membership meeting – Madison Central Library, 201 W. Mifflin St. — available online

Join the Main MAN cooperative that links all the various MANs, pilot sites and their supporters. Learn what’s happening and what is planned for the future. Then formally adopt our bylaws and elect our first Board of Directors!

1pm – 4pm Sociocracy training with James Priest from Thrive-In Community from the UK: S3 Open Space – practice and integrating the learning* — Art In, 1444 E. Washington

*Recommended to have attended at least 2 of the previous sessions

4pm – 5:30pm Social Justice Center Board meeting – MAN Up proposal discussion — Social Justice Center, 1202 Williamson St.

Part of being a MAN pilot site is agreeing to be an open book, to give the world the opportunity to learn from your experience. We’ll embody this when we open up the Social Justice Center board meeting, where we’ll discuss our own proposal to create a Mutual Aid Network, to summit participants. Let’s learn together!

6pm – 9pm Celebration and connection – poster session of harvests from week, music, food and drink — Art In, 1444 E. Washington

Friday, Aug 28

9am – 12pm Coop law and how it relates with David Sparer from Herrick & Kasdorf, LLP and Anne Reynolds of UW Center for Cooperatives — Art In, 1444 E. Washington — available online

Throughout the week we will have identified common goals and some of the tools available to help us achieve those goals. Now we’ll dive into the ways cooperative law and structure can help support us in our work.

1pm – 4pm Open space process to determine next steps based on the harvest — Art In, 1444 E. Washington

4pm – 4:15pm – Close — Art In, 1444 E. Washington

Saturday, August 29

6pm - Post-summit related event: An Evening at Maria’s — Art In, 1444 E. Washington

Featuring music by Treemo and Asumaya, poetry by Liiada Gee, art by Lacey Smith, Dan Wang, Dale Kaminski and Derrick Buisch, and the Social Justice Center is the featured non-profit. And MAN!