



KOOP: Radio for People, not for Profit

KOOP (pronounced koh-op) is a community radio station in Austin, Texas, owned and operated by its members in a cooperative structure depending primarily upon its volunteers and supporters for all operations of the station. KOOP provides a diverse array of programming, emphasizing programs that deal with local issues and/or serve communities which are underserved by the mainstream media. KOOP has more than 60 unique, locally-produced programs airing every week. Each of these programs is produced by an individual or by a collective of members. Any member of the community can join our organization and apply to produce a radio program — and KOOP provides the facilities and the training.

KOOP's mission is to engage, connect and enrich the whole community, including the underserved, through creating diverse, quality, educational music and programming.

KOOP Community Council

The Community Council is an elected council that is made up of KOOP programmers, volunteers and community members, mandated by the bylaws of KOOP Radio to advise the Board of Directors and support both community outreach and development of KOOP policies. Comprised of 16 members, two distinct groups elect 8 members each to the Council: 1) Individual/Business Supporter, Volunteer Members; and 2) Community Organization Members. The KOOP Community Council mission, in addition to our advisory capacity to the KOOP board of directors, and consistent with the KOOP mission statement, is to serve the underserved in the community and to provide outreach services to the community at large in order to connect the community with KOOP Radio. At the same time we are committed to providing an avenue for promoting a participatory, positive, healthy and professional work environment throughout the station, which should help KOOP become the premiere example of Community Radio in the nation.

KOOP Community Organization Members

Community Organization Members help support the station and its outreach and, in return, are eligible for election to the Community Council, appearance on the Reflections of Community Outreach program (ROCO), having important announcements read on ROCO and other programs, having Public Service Announcements (PSAs) recorded and played on KOOP, and voting along with station members on station wide issues. Community Organization Membership is free to Chapter 501(c)(3) nonprofits that meet regularly, provide a community service, and support the KOOP mission.

