

THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE EDUCATION SQUAD (ITES) REPORT

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The International Trade Education Squad (ITES) seeks Coop member involvement in two exciting opportunities.

WERE YOU AT THE 1999 WTO PROTESTS?

Did you participate in the World Trade Organization (WTO) demonstrations in Seattle in 1999? Would you be willing to share your personal experiences and reflections with us? Your stories and commentary could enrich educational resources the ITES is developing in conjunction with the release of the new, documentary film “WTO/99,” pro-

duced, in part, by PSFC member Debra McClutchy.

If you would like to share your experiences from the WTO protests, please email us at coopites@gmail.com no later than January 30, 2026.

JOIN OUR SQUAD!

The ITES is also seeking new members. We work collaboratively to inform Coop members about trade deals, tariffs and related trade issues that shape our politics, impact our lives and affect the Coop. Squad members take on tasks that reflect their individual interests and abilities as to international trade and together contribute to ITES's educational resources and programs.

The ITES meets every six to eight weeks via Zoom when we discuss upcoming tasks, such as writing articles for the *Linewaiters' Gazette*, running social media, inviting guest speakers for community forums, organizing other educational programs and preparing discussions for presentation to the GM.

The ITES does not require its members have any previous experience in the subject area. We are looking for committed individuals who are interested in sticking up for working people, protecting the environment, calling out systemic corporate abuse, and working cooperatively and creatively to educate their fellow Coop members.

If you are interested in joining the ITES, please email us at coopites@gmail.com.

Please also follow us on Bluesky at: [@psfc-trade.bsky.social](https://bsky.app/profile/psfc-trade.bsky.social).