
Introductions
Anne Boothe requested introductions from everyone on the webinar. Jayne Morrow introduced Tracy Keogh, a founder of Grow Remote, which is a grassroots remote worker effort out of Ireland. A Montana Chapter now exists.

Grow Remote
Learn all about Grow Remote on their website.

This is a key tool for community development.

How to engage remote workers (what state chapters do, too):
1. Get community employed – share about remote opportunities
2. Attract new people – repopulate your community (Ireland uses Town Tasters to meet)
3. Connect workers – catering for isolation of the “hidden employed”

Benefits for communities:
- Talent
- Skills
- Environment
- Fair Competition

Lessons:
- Typical business model doesn't work for rural areas
- Respect the cultures of remote and rural
- Awareness is not enough

Operation Five –
Involves raising local awareness, training and learning of the remote platform (learn remote skills then tie in to businesses) and engage the employer partner piece.

Jessie Rucker – United States lead connection to Grow Remote
Jessie partners with people who share initiatives who are paid by their companies. They are not volunteering but people in paid positions to achieve goals.

MEDA Remote Work Working Group Next Steps:
- b. Review the guidance on holding community meetings on Grow Remote. Customize for your community.
- c. Learn more about using the Grow Remote Portal – Anne, Liz, Dan, Tina, Gloria, Dianne and Barb are interested in this. A work session will be scheduled.
Pending:
- Innovate Montana presentation.
- Investigate a Utah program that provides remote work certification.

Misc.
- Montana Chamber – meet and greet for new Director