

Reviving Co-operative Culture

To All Members of Principle 5

New year message 2017

Let's bring Principle 5 into a new phase this year. We have a co-operative library, archive and resource centre and over 60 members. People from various parts of the Movement have told us that co-operative education, training and information is what's needed.

How can we use this facility well to support people who want to develop co-operative alternatives to the privatisation culture of entrenched capitalism?

How do we help to revive co-operative culture?

The Principle 5 Board have a few ideas, but we now call on P5 members to consider taking a part in bringing them to reality.

The Centre is open for the use of members, so first of all we are looking for more members to start to become aware of its contents. We are looking for students and advocates of co-operative education. The Centre is open every day, by appointment.

There is a study group which meets monthly, the reports are always posted on the P5 website. This is open to new participants.

There is a proposal to start a Sheffield Co-operative History Group. This could meet in the Centre. The group could work towards producing a pamphlet or booklet which we could publish.

Another proposal is for co-operative film screenings. Is anyone available to help to organise these?

Our rules state that our co-operative should have four general meetings a year. This enables members to help to keep in touch with each other and put our purposes into practice. These meetings could be informal and social. Is there anyone who would like to help to organise them?

A new software tool for producing diagrammatic models of the co-operative movement is now available to members of Principle 5. There will be a demonstration event for members in the near future.

https://www.principle5.org.uk/wpcontent/uploads/2016/10/Launch-flyer.pdf

> Everything else is on the Principle 5 website; <u>https://www.principle5.org.uk/about-us</u>

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