

Principle P5 FIVE

Reviving Co-operative Culture

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Principle 5 started in summer 2013 and became a co-operative in May 2014. Our purpose is to:

- Protect and safeguard the books, publications and archival materials placed in trust for the use of the co-operative movement and for future generations.
- Make these available to all members who would wish to use them.
- Provide a focus for co-operative education and culture through talks, discussions, film screenings, social events, visits to other co-operative venues, study groups etc.
- Work co-operatively with other organisations and individuals who have compatible aims.
- Develop the Principle 5 co-operative mapping tool, Co-opsMap for the use of members.
- Be proactive in helping to cultivate co-operative community.
- Be as true as possible to the ICA Statement of Co-operative identity (Values and Principles).
- Seek support from the wider co-operative movement.

The five board members, Jonathan, Steve, Dennis, Steve and Chris are calling out to Principle 5 members for help. Members are asked to play a part in the next stages in the development of our co-operative.

The Resource Centre is always open by appointment. It would be great if you decide to visit and perhaps find out how you might be able to help, or just get to know what resources are available and how we might move forward.

A suggestion which the Board has already discussed is to have a Principle 5 social at the Gardeners Rest, a community owned pub by the River Don at Neepsend. Could you help to organise events? Please let us know, it would be good to have a chat about what can be done.

Another idea is to have a summer school with speakers and/or one off meetings with a speaker and discussion.

We already have a study group and reports of these sessions are posted on the website. But it would be good to develop this so that members can be involved in organising and participating in this kind of activity.

It is important for any co-operative to have members who are able and willing to support the Board and as need arises to step in to keep the co-operative alive for the future. Please consider standing for election to the Board at the next AGM if you are enthusiastic about Principle 5 and feel that you could help to protect and develop the wonderful heritage which we are entrusted with.

If anyone would like to help to establish a Co-operative History Group please get in touch.

Please also encourage any co-operative organisations which you know to become supporter members.

<https://www.principle5.coop/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/P5-Supporter-form-final.pdf>

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