

Principle FIVE

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Reviving Co-operative Culture

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<https://www.principle5.coop/>

Principle 5 has appointed Alex Lusuardi, Archive Development Intern, as part of Sheffield University's Postgraduate Advantage Scheme. He is making an excellent job of archiving and cataloguing the Principle 5 collection. The library has already been re-ordered and we now have the benefit of a spreadsheet with the books listed alphabetically by author. We still have books which are not listed, these include the bound volumes of co-operative publications, CWS year books, historic books dealing with skills for co-operative society employees and resources for schools.

Now the main part of the task has begun, going through all the boxes of archive material, pamphlets and booklets etc. The contents of these are being sorted and the details are all being listed on spreadsheets. This will make access to information so much easier. The categories include:

- The Co-operative Party
- The Co-operative Group/CWS/CRS
- The Co-operative Union/Co-operatives UK
- The Co-operative College
- The National Federation of Co-operative Youth
- The collection of co-op pamphlets
- The Co-operative Women's Guild
- Woodcraft Folk

Of special value and interest is the Co-operative News collection.

To see the Principle 5 catalogue Guide go to:

<https://www.principle5.coop/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Guide-to-the-Principle-5-Catalogue.pdf>

In addition to this we will be looking at the Sheffield Archives collection of co-operative material to gain a knowledge of how it supplements the P5 collection.

The result of this work will be a much more user friendly resource for researchers, co-operative activists and anyone interested in the co-op movement.

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The Sheffield Co-operator

Principle 5 created the special edition of The Sheffield Co-operator last year and it has been very well received. You can read it at:

<https://www.principle5.coop/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Sheffield-Co-operator-Centenary-Edition.pdf>

Let us know if you would like a paper copy.

We have been encouraged to publish another edition of the Sheffield Co-operator and have already begun the process.

It will be different to last year's special Co-op Party centenary edition and will be printed in a more contemporary form. The focus of the paper will be the Preston model of creating community wealth:

<https://www.thealternative.org.uk/dailyalternative/2017/4/17/the-preston-model>

And from The Co-operative Party:
A Race to the Bottom or Building Wealth Co-operatively

<https://party.coop/2017/06/30/a-race-to-the-bottom-or-building-wealth-co-operatively-the-choice-is-ours/>

Six Steps to Build Community Wealth
<https://party.coop/publication/6-steps-to-build-community-wealth/>

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Festival of Debate

<https://www.festivalofdebate.com>

This event will be hosted by Principle 5

Cooperation vs. Capitalism

The theory of 'degeneration' argues that cooperatives will either fail or adopt a capitalist approach to business in order to survive. We invite people from co-operatives, and anyone else interested, to discuss this claim. Drawing on our collective experience, and evidence from successful cooperatives, we will look at how these pressures can be resisted to answer the question 'do co-ops work in practice?'

Speakers:

Chris Olewicz, Cooperative member of Principle 5

Kiri Langmead, Lecturer at Nottingham Trent Business School

Gareth Roberts, Cooperative and founder member of Regather
Details

12th June 2018, 7-9pm.

Regather Trading Cooperative, Club Garden Road, Sheffield.

<https://regather.net/>

All Welcome.

<https://events.ticketsforgood.co.uk/events/678-cooperation-vs-capitalism-do-cooperatives-work-in-practice>

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Co-operative Education

The editorial in this month's edition of the Co-operative News begins with these words:

“Co-operatives ignore the responsibility of providing education and training for their members, elected representatives, managers and employees at their peril,” says the International Co-operative Alliance, in its guidance notes for the 5th principle.

“Education was, and remains, the lifeblood of all co-operatives and a driver of co-operative development.”

Also in the current edition, by Rebecca Harvey,
Deputy Editor of the Co-operative News:

Co-operative Education and Training in the 21st Century

<https://www.thenews.coop/127656/topic/education/co-operative-education-training-21st-century/>

For other articles about Co-operative Education in this
month's Co-operative News see:

<https://www.thenews.coop/tag/education-special/>

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Principle 5 has re-ignited the concept of co-operative education in the locality. Now is the time to give it a firm foundation for the wider Co-operative Movement . Feedback welcomed. Please share our information leaflet and membership form with your friends and the organisations which you know.

the Principle 5 information leaflet

<https://www.principle5.coop/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Principle-5-information-leaflet.pdf>
membership form

<https://www.principle5.coop/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/P5-Membership-form-2018.pdf>

Principle 5 Lending Library and Archive

The Centre is always open by appointment.

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