



Yorkshire Co-operative Resource Centre
<https://www.principle5.coop/>

November 2018

Principle 5 AGM 2018

The AGM took place on the 12th October 2018 at the Gardeners Rest on Neepsend Lane in Sheffield.

Dennis Chambers, Jonathan Cook and Chris Olewicz were re-elected to the Principle 5 Board. The volunteers remain as before:

Steve Thompson – Library & Archive, Admin., Membership.

Steve Wagstaff – Co-opMaps

If any members would like to get to know more about the Centre and take a more active role in the life of Principle 5 please let us know.

Contact: steve@sheffield.coop

Principle 5 is building up the membership which is absolutely necessary if we are to survive into the future.

Every member really counts and makes all the difference.

Thank you to all Principle 5 members for your support.

This was the fourth AGM so it seemed appropriate to write the first history of our co-operative giving background info. and the development of Principle 5. The PDF can be downloaded at:

<https://www.principle5.coop/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Co-operative-Education-Principle-5-YCRC.pdf>

Chris Olewicz reported on the Sheffield Co-operator newspaper, explaining that Principle 5 has now published a 2017 edition and a September 2018 edition (the 2017 edition was published on behalf of the Co-op Party; The Yorkshire Co-op Party offered to cover any shortfall in costs, but this was not necessary).

The cost of the publication was covered by the advertisers, and all of the advertisers were co-operatives. The Sheffield Co-operator has been well received and further editions are planned. The September 2018 edition can be downloaded as a PDF:

<https://www.principle5.coop/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Sheffield-Co-operator-September-2018.pdf>

Activities for the coming year were considered, in particular the screening of films. This is traditional in the Co-operative Movement and there is a wealth of CWS films available and transferred to DVD.

Gillian Lonergan representing the Co-operative College said that the College could provide suitable films (in addition to the ones which principle 5 already holds in the Library). The events could include discussion and/or a talk/have a social element.

Principle 5 has already held three socials and it was considered that these should continue. Other suggestions were day trips, e.g. to the Working Class Movement Library in Salford, <https://www.wcml.org.uk/> and talks on co-operative themes including 'get to know the P5 Library & Archive'.

Another suggestion was to research the history of Co-operation in Sheffield, a start has already been made on

this. Let us know if you are interested in taking a part in this research group.

Dennis Chambers reported on the community gardening project at Westfield and the need for a community response to the dangers of climate change. He has initiated a community 'transition' group with co-operative values and is working with local people in Westfield and 'Big Local' to make it happen.



Millthorpe Press has been formed by Chris Olewicz with the purpose of establishing a publishing co-operative. Long out of print works by local radical authors will be re-published, starting with Part One of 'Towards Democracy' by Edward Carpenter. For more information see this YouTube video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q2uD4bCDEVU>

and this information about the crowd funder;

https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/millthorpepress/reprinting-edward-carpenters-towards-democracy?ref=project_link

<https://millthorpepress.com/>

Sheffield Live Interview

Principle 5 Chair Jonathan Cook spoke about Principle 5 on local radio. The recording is available on our homepage:

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

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Principle 5 Announces Formation of Co-opMaps User Forum

The First edition of the Co-opMaps News from Principle 5 can be downloaded:

<https://www.principle5.coop/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Co-opMaps-News-1.pdf>

Let us know if you are interested in taking part
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Principle 5 Lending Library

The Centre is always open by appointment.

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