

# Principle FIVE

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## Yorkshire Co-operative Resource Centre **December 2018 Newsletter**

**The Principle 5 Co-op Resource Centre celebrates five years** of activity this year and we look forward to providing a service to the wider co-operative movement for many years to come, perhaps inspiring the development of co-operative libraries in other places. Of course we are anxious to be financially secure and in this respect are making good progress. As a co-operative we believe in collective self-help and that means that we rely entirely upon our members for our success. Principle 5 is funded only by our members and we are answerable to no-one else.

### **Thank you to everyone who is helping.**

Every time that an individual or an organisation joins Principle 5 we get that much closer to becoming financially secure. There are two more ways in which members might be able to help:

1. Come and get to know the Centre and become acquainted with what it has to offer.
2. Recommend a friend or organisation to become a member:  
<https://www.principle5.coop/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Membership-Form.pdf>

There are no plans to change the subscription rates, but members are asked to consider, if appropriate, to increase their subscription. A Standing Order Amendment Form can be downloaded:  
<https://www.principle5.coop/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/standing-order-change-of-subscription-rate.pdf>

## **The Lending library**

New additions are always being made to the lending library. These are usually posted on the home page of the website. All of the books are included in the catalogue.

Principle 5 members are invited to write book reviews which can, if you wish, be added to the information on the website book pages. Books can always be borrowed by Principle 5 members.

The library is available to anyone carrying out research or developing ideas for co-operatives. All are welcome to use the Centre, but it is essential to let us know in advance when you would like to visit.

You should find everything you need on the website:  
<https://www.principle5.coop/>

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## **What is Co-opMaps?**

Co-opMaps is a suite of software tools, standards and documentation which provides co-operative analysts, scholars and consultants with a standardized, visual, diagrammatic approach to documenting past, present and future structures of the co-operative movement.

### **December 2018 edition of Co-opMaps News:**

[www.principle5.coop/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Co-opMaps-News-4-Dec-2018.pdf](https://www.principle5.coop/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Co-opMaps-News-4-Dec-2018.pdf)

# Grassroots news

Principle 5 member Dennis Chambers is working towards Westfield becoming a more sustainable community. He has initiated gardening projects a first step to Westfield becoming a Transition Township based on sound co-operative principles.

*(Cutting from Westfield Big Local newsletter)*

## ***Westfield Transition Group***

### **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!**

We are working on a Westfield community allotment and your help is needed on this project – If you have any spare time and would like to work on this please contact Paula at the Centre.

Our garden group have been working hard on the community gardens, Shortbrook Primary school (for which they won an award) and surgery gardens. We are working towards having 'men in sheds' again we would need for you to be involved, we will let you know more about it when things are in place. Climate change – are you concerned that the change in the weather is getting more violent and extreme?

Would you be willing to support a meeting to talk about what it means to us and to take action to try and stop it getting any worse? A meeting will take place if enough support is given to it. Please let Paula know at the centre.





# What's on at Regather?

**Regather** is a democratically owned and governed co-operative for the purpose of transforming food for Sheffield. This means that money stays local, good jobs are created, communities are fairer, land is more productive, supply is more resilient, ecosystems are sustainable, food is better quality and health and wellbeing are improved.



**Their programme of activities is online here:**

[regather.net/whats-on](https://regather.net/whats-on)



## **Film and the Co-operative Movement, by Steve Thompson**

The Co-operative Movement of the 20th century consisted of Retail Societies which worked together with the support of the Co-operative Wholesale Society (CWS) and the Co-operative Union (now Co-operatives UK). The 21st century sees a very different kind of movement, but I think that there is value in seeing elements of continuity between the two.

The Co-operative Movement's involvement with cinema is as old as film itself and goes back to the 19th century. It started with lantern lectures in co-operative reading rooms and libraries, and went on to co-operative cinemas like the Blackpool Emporium, and screenings to large audiences at gatherings of the co-operative membership. Typical venues for CWS film screenings were co-operative shops and village halls, churches and chapels, and some taking place in the open air.

Film shows have always been a part of co-operative culture, education and entertainment.

The CWS Film Service and the Royal Arsenal Co-operative Society Film Unit both served the Movement during the 20th century. At that time, co-operative trading was a political statement because co-operative societies were demonstrating an alternative to capitalism and had a vision of building a co-operative commonwealth.

## What do you think about Principle 5 organising film evenings?

**on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7:00pm**

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Webarchitects are the ethical internet services and open-source software specialists who host our website. They are a multi-stakeholder co-operative, and Principle 5 has recently become a member, with a £10 share.

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Margaret M.

# Grassroots groups & going online



"Never doubt that a small group  
of thoughtful, committed, citizens  
can change the world. Indeed, it  
the only thing that ever has"

Margaret Mead

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**Our founding principles recognise the importance of co-operative relationships and we particularly value our membership of:**



Co-operative Press

Publishers of  
Co-operative News  
**[www.thenews.coop](http://www.thenews.coop)**



Co-operatives UK  
**[www.uk.coop](http://www.uk.coop)**



Webarchitects  
**[www.webarchitects.coop](http://www.webarchitects.coop)**



UK Society for  
Co-operative Studies  
**[www.ukscs.coop](http://www.ukscs.coop)**



Sheffield Co-operative  
Development Group  
**[www.scdg.org](http://www.scdg.org)**

**Supporter members include:**

Independent Labour Publications (ILP)  
Yorkshire Co-operative Party  
The Phone Co-op  
The Co-operative College  
Co-operatives East Midlands  
Paul Blomfield MP  
Linnaeus University, Sweden  
Footprint Workers Co-operative  
Cornerstone Housing Co-operative  
Lembas Vegetarian Wholefood Co-operative  
East of England Co-operative Society  
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**Other organisations with which we have an informal relationship with are:**

Stir to Action  
The Co-operative Heritage Trust  
Sheffield Co-operatives  
Sheffield City Archives  
and Local Studies Library  
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