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Yorkshire Co-operative Resource Centre

**Newsletter
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Co-operative News Index

The founding mission statement for Principle 5, includes the words: “This collection of co-operative educational and research resources began with a realisation of the immense value of back editions of the Co-operative News. Back and current editions will always be available for reading.”

Co-operative News has been educating and informing the Co-operative Movement for nearly 150 years. The back and current editions are a wonderful resource, but without an index it is not easy to locate the articles and information.

Because the pages of the Co-operative News tell the story of co-operation week by week, fortnight by fortnight and now Month by month, the time is right to build an index. Principle 5 has already started this task. So far, there are only 16 editions online but more are being added every day.

Co-operative News has reported on the Principle 5 indexing project and you can read it: [HERE](#)

To keep up to date with developments in the Co-operative Movement see the Co-operative News website:

<https://www.thenews.coop/uk/>

Co-operative Press is a readers co-operative, which produces a quality monthly journal which can be delivered to your home.

Membership of Co-operative Press is open to all.

<https://www.thenews.coop/join>

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Co-ops on the Agenda at Sheffield Festival of Debate

see Co-operative News article:

<https://www.thenews.coop/145381/sector/community/co-ops-on-the-agenda-at-sheffield-festival-of-debate/>

**Friday 8 May 2020. 7pm for 7.30 start
Co-operatives: an introduction**

**Saturday 9 May 2020. 10.30 for 11am start
Co-operatives, ethics and change**

Both events will take place at “One Space”, the upstairs room in Union Street co-working space in Sheffield.

<https://union-st.org/>

Union St, 18-20 Union Street, Sheffield, S1 2JP

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Alt-Sheff

The Alt-Sheff website is independent, self-funded and not-for-profit, and voluntarily run. It exists purely as an information service and has no connection with the organisations it features. It helps to publicise DIY alternatives to global capitalism; radical, co-operative, not-for-profit, social and ethical organisations, groups and events with a political focus.

<https://www.alt-sheff.org/>

Principle 5 Resource Centre refurbishment

The library and archives are being re-organised later this month. The inadequate bookcases which have been in use will be replaced. The result will be a much better experience for visitors to the Centre. The new bookcases will provide a greater capacity for library books and they will also accommodate the archive collection.

This would not have been possible without help from The National Guild of Co-operators who donated a share of their assets to Principle 5 when their organisation wound up in 2019.

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A New Grassroots Initiative, Cooperation Town

Cooperation Town, is looking to establish a series of food co-ops on housing estates and community centres across Britain. The initiative was started by political organisers and activists active in areas such as trade unions, renters unions and women's strikes.

The idea is to create an alternative to food banks, which "treat people as charity cases"; the scheme will avoid barriers such as checks on benefit status and is community-led, based on self-organisation, education and solidarity using non-hierarchical structures.

These are co-op principles the idea is to move from charity to solidarity, creating an infrastructure for people to organise their own food.

From a longer article in Co-operative News which you can read [HERE](#)

Cooperation Town: Co-op Development Day

22nd FEB 2020

11:00-17:00

Ingestre Community Centre, Ingestre Road, London NW5 1UX

Following the establishment of the first Cooperation Town food co-op in London, Cooperation Town organisers called on activists everywhere to join the mission to start a network of community-led, self organised food co-ops on every estate, in every town!

This workshop, organised with trainers from Radical Routes, is an invitation to take part in the collective scaling up of the project.

For more info: [@CooperationTown](https://twitter.com/CooperationTown)

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Principle 5 is a member of:

[Co-operatives UK](#)

[The Co-operative College](#)

[Co-operative Press](#)

[UK Society for Co-operative Studies](#)

[Sheffield Co-operative Development Group](#)

[Webarchitects](#)

[Wortley Hall](#)

For the co-operative movement in Sheffield we recommend

[Sheffield Co-ops](#)

Greater Manchester Independent Co-operative Commission

Principle 5 submitted evidence to the commission. Our contribution had the heading “Self-sufficiency and Resilience through Sustainability: Building human well-being through co-operation”.

The report is the work of the Co-operative Commission, announced in the summer of 2018, by Andy Burnham, mayor of Greater Manchester, and tasked with developing a policy for co-ops in the Manchester City Region.

You can read the report [HERE](#)

And an article in Co-operative news by Miles Hadfield:

[Blueprint unveiled for a co-operative Greater Manchester](#)

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