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The Principle 5 co-op resource centre is open to one visitor at a time. This year some big improvements have been made. The new bookshelves provide more space for the Collection and have enabled us to add historic back editions of [Co-operative News](#) from the very first edition in 1871 right through to the present day.

More books, pamphlets and documents are being added all the time. You can see the catalogue [HERE](#)

To arrange a visit to the Centre contact: steve@sheffield.coop

Principle 5 publications

The new edition for 2020 of 'The Sheffield Co-operator' has now been distributed to Principle 5 members and a wider distribution has begun. Let us know if you haven't received your copy and we will get one to you. The PDF version can be read [HERE](#)

Independent Labour Publications (ILP) a supporter member of Principle 5 have written reviews of 'The Sheffield Co-operator' and pamphlet number one 'Sheffield and Socialism'. They can be read [HERE](#)

Harry Barnes, a Principle 5 member has written a review of 'Sheffield and Socialism' [HERE](#)

There are still copies of 'Sheffield and Socialism' available at the very reasonable price of £2.00.

Contact: steve@sheffield.coop to order your copy.

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The Co-operative Group

Despite a resolution being passed by 97.7% of Co-op Group members voting at the AGM in May 'to continue funding & support of co-operative organisations' The Co-op Group is withdrawing unrestricted funding to Co-op Press (publishers of Co-op News). The Co-op College is also affected. You can read more [HERE](#)

For background information about the Co-operative Group you can read [CWS/Co-operative Group](#)

The independent co-operative societies will continue to play their important role in the Co-operative Movement by supporting co-operative organisations.

Co-operative Training Opportunities

SEPTEMBER 2020

Learning LIVE

29th-30th September 2020

Online event

Co-operative College is offering twelve sessions of co-operative learning, over two days, in this FREE online event. They promise a “unique line-up of thought provoking live webinars, interactive discussions and exciting new online courses to try”. Expert speakers offer a programme covering various topics, with something to interest everyone in the co-operative movement.

Booking a free ticket gives access to all the sessions, attend as many as you like. Here's a list of session titles and presenters:

- *What is Co-op Learning?* Polly Wilding
- *Co-operatives and the Climate Emergency.* Ruth Hayward
- *Co-operative Women's Voices.* Dr Sara Vicari
- *Making membership matter.* Steve Kingman/Nina Eastwood
- *Making Knowledge Together Through Radical Learning.* Cilla Ross/Malcom Noble
- *Co-ops and Young People.* Gemma Obeng
- *Online Youth Series (for participants aged 12-20).* Gemma Obeng/Daniel Cox
- *Co-ops and our World: International Showcase.* Amanda Benson/Sarah Alldred
- *International Hackathon.* Dr. Sarah Alldred
- *Business Storytelling.* Emma Taylor
- *Social Action Showcase.* Daniel Cox/Sarah Alldred
- *Co-op Conversations.* Cilla Ross/Frances Northrop/Stephanie Bolt

Full programme, speaker details, and free ticket registration:

<https://www.co-op.ac.uk/Event/learning-live>

Co-operatives for Climate Action

Online video

Co-operative College marked the International Day of Co-operatives this year with a special webinar on climate action. Led by Ruth Hayward, an environmental educator, researcher and organiser, the webinar explored the reasons why co-operatives should engage in climate education and how taking climate action can have a positive impact on their local communities. If you weren't able to join in this, a recording of the session (36 minutes) is available to watch on this website:

<https://www.co-op.ac.uk/Event/co-operatives-for-climate-action-how-climate-education-can-help-your-co-operative>

Stir to Action Festival

1st-3rd September 2020

Online event

Stir to Action festival for 2020 has gone online, with a packed programme of provocative conversations, interactive discussions and virtual networking opportunities. The price is from just £10 and sessions include:

You've Made a Commitment to Anti-Racist Practice – What Next? Yvonne Field

The Age Gap: Co-ops & Young People. Gemma Obeng

The Future of the High Street. Annoushka Deighton

The Insurgent Power of the Commons. Silke Helfrich

Leadership in the New Economy. Anna Fielding

Bad Kindness: This isn't Mutual Aid. Maff Potts

Exploring Authentic Community Engagement. Stephanie Gamauf

Employee Ownership. Deb Oxley/Jeremy Gadd

Small is Beautiful. But is it Enough? Dan Gregory

Transatlantic Co-operativism. Nathan Schneider

Economic Science Fictions. James Pockson/Dan Gavshon Brady

The Left & the Limits of Social Media. Daniel Stanley

Ownership in Crisis. Panel Discussion

View all the details, including the full line-up available as a PDF download, on their website:

<https://www.stirtoaction.com/festival>

Heritage Open Days **11th-20th September 2020** **Various events**

Among the events in this annual heritage festival are some which will be of interest to co-operators:

- *Portland Works*, Little Sheffield. Online events celebrating this Grade 2* listed building bought in 2013 through a community-owned project after years of campaigning. View the progress of restoration and repair completed over the last 7 years. It's a rare example of a Victorian cutlery factory, and is the place where stainless steel knives were made commercially for the very first time.
- *Aizlewood's Mill*, Nursery Street, Sheffield. Online events give a glimpse of this co-operative owned former mill, now a thriving and well-run business centre. Principle 5, housed there, also offers a co-operative presentation online.
- *Birley Spa Bath House* History Talk and Tour, Hackenthorpe, Sheffield. This is a hidden gem of local history, and Principle 5 has recently declared its support for Birley Spa Bath House redevelopment, proposed as a community-run and possibly co-operative project.
- *Music, Art and Activism: Cultural Creativity and the Miners' Strike*, at Orgreave, Sheffield. A night of music and art to commemorate the Miners' Strike of 1984/85, standing together now as strong as ever.

<https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/>

Co-op College Online Learning **Online courses and workshops**

Co-operative College also offers courses and interactive workshops delivered by experts via the latest online technology, in a range of options. New short courses can be completed using your phone or tablet at a time that suits you. These courses automatically track your progress, enabling you to pick up where you left off. Free taster version, full course just £35 +VAT. More courses over the coming weeks including:

Sustainable Development Goals - examining what they mean and how to incorporate them

Co-ops Worldwide - offering a unique perspective on co-ops right across the globe

Coaching Skills - developing yourself and others around you

Chairing Skills - leading meetings in a modern world

Developing Leadership - growing your skills and confidence to reach your goals

Online workshops can sometimes help to keep teams together. Co-operative College promises you will leave with skills and knowledge to make a real impact. And it's the perfect opportunity to meet together during these socially distanced times, with discussion rooms to stimulate debate and encourage participatory learning.

A YouTube video at the website below gives some student feedback:

<https://www.co-op.ac.uk/online-learning>



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