

Principle FIVE

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November 2020

**Principle 5 AGM
Friday 13th November 2020
7:00pm by videolink**

details to follow

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Cooperation Town

The goal is for a network of food-buying co-ops in every town across the country

Cooperation Town is a network of independent food co-ops. It was set up in 2019 to develop a new co-op model and support a new generation of food co-ops across the UK. While Cooperation Town co-ops are independently organised by their members, the network is designed to share resources and support across the movement.

The vision is for a community-led food co-op on every street in every town! The Cooperation Town network is coordinated by a not-for-profit workers co-op (with the same name), which is responsible for helping groups to start and run new co-ops.

[Cooperation Town](#) has just launched a starter pack to help more communities set up their own food co-ops.

Read more in this article in Co-operative News [HERE](#)



White poppies, first worn by the Women's Co-operative Guild in 1933, are a symbol of peace and a call to resist war. Workers from the Co-operative Wholesale Society began making white poppies and the money gathered from selling them went to help war-resisters in Europe. In 1936 the white poppy was adopted by the [Peace Pledge Union](#) (PPU), the oldest secular pacifist organisation in Britain, which now coordinates the initiative.

They are still available.

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Who was A. V. Alexander?

A biography published by Holyoake Books has been added to the library.

Find out [HERE](#)

Publications in the Principle 5 Collection

[Co-operative News](#) (1871 to the present)

[Stir Magazine](#) (2017 to the present)

[Tribune](#) (2018 to the present)

[Journal of Co-operative Studies](#) (1967 to the present,
recent editions are PDFs)

The Principle 5 catalogue can be downloaded **[HERE](#)**

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Principle 5 Study Group

You will find resources for co-operative study **[HERE](#)**

The most recent addition to this page is all about the
[Co-operative Party](#)

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Full List of UK Media Co-ops

(with thanks to United Diversity)

<https://office.uniteddiversity.coop/s/H5AiHz4PnG8frkg>

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Build back greener: Can community wealth building solve the crises of Covid and climate?

The CCIN conference explored how councils could rebuild
local economies post Covid-19

Anca Voinea writing in Co-op News **[HERE](#)**

**The Sheffield & Ecclesall Co-operative Society brass plaque has been added to the Principle 5 collection.
Here it is against the Resource Centre window.**

The society was founded in 1874 and moved into the splendid new premises in 1913 - the Arcade, Ecclesall Road.

It was demolished in 1990 to make way for the building of 'Safeway' supermarket (now Waitrose).



Sunwin House formerly known as 'The Arcade'



The Sheffield Co-operator 2020 has been well received and distribution is continuing. This newspaper was published by Sheffield Co-operative Party from 1922 until 1939. Here is an extract from a Memorandum on the initiative and development of the Sheffield Co-operative Party since its establishment in 1919 (with thanks to Sheffield City Archives).

"Sheffield Co-operator"

"THE SHEFFIELD CO-OPERATOR", an eight-page journal, established in 1922, was completely drawn up and edited by the Party Secretary. Advertisements were also procured by him. To maintain a monthly distribution of 30,000 copies by voluntary effort was no easy task, so periodic district Socials were organised as a means of expressing thanks and appealing for further distributors. Street lists, on a Polling District basis, covering the City, had constantly to be prepared and re-checked to ensure a scientific distribution.

It was felt that the SHEFFIELD CO-OPERATOR did a good job of work and helped in large measure to secure Labour control of the City Council. It is interesting to note, too, that Philip Snowden, in revealing the finances of the Tory party, quoted in the House of Commons from the SHEFFIELD CO-OPERATOR.

The publication ceased at the outbreak of War. It

was substituted by a cyclostyled Bulletin, which was posted to Co-operative Party supporters. Owing to paper shortage and other war-time difficulties this eventually had to be abandoned.

Co-operative Learning and Events

NOVEMBER 2020

Comunity Business Mutual Aid

Monthly Zoom calls

This group was created in response to coronavirus, to offer solidarity, inspiration and practical peer support from community-run businesses. If you work in a co-operative, or any community business, you can drop in on the monthly Zoom calls. These are open to all, you just need to pre-register for each call. Each month has a theme, and a summary of what people have been discussing. Content includes training/learning, sharing with peers on particular topics, discussing new ideas and perspectives, and exploring the role of community businesses more broadly.

The resources section of their website contains a host of useful information, including webinars to watch. You can also join the network to receive updates, notifications of future calls, or just to be in contact with others in community businesses.

The next call is Wednesday 2nd December 2020, 10:30am.

<https://cbmutualaid.co.uk/>

Locality unConvention

Online event

Locality is another organisation which combines co-operatives and other types of community organisations. Their priority is, as the name suggests, supporting locally-run activities, in order to help communities to thrive.

Their annual gathering 2020 is an interactive event with news, conversations and networking. There is a detailed programme which runs over Tuesday 10th November and Wednesday 11th November. Registering to attend is essential. Non-members are invited to make a voluntary donation based on what they can afford, with suggested donation amounts per delegate from £20.

<https://locality.org.uk/>

From the Ground Up: Global Gathering for Climate Justice

Online event

This is a response to the COP26 climate conference which was due to take place in Glasgow this month, until coronavirus arrived. It is a space to come together, strategise, and build power in civil society working for system change. Global justice movements will be discussing the need for a 'Green New Deal' and action to create the change we need, from the ground up. Topics include *false* solutions to the climate crisis, fossil fuel financing, feminist and indigenous perspectives on the climate emergency, and how not to burn out as an activist!

The event is free, everyone is welcome to attend. It runs over five days. Thursday 12th Nov to Monday 16th Nov 2020.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/from-the-ground-up-global-gathering-for-climate-justice-tickets-123492698987>

Events Calendar

Co-operatives UK organises events for its members, from large national conferences to specialist networking and training events. In addition, their events calendar lists events organised by Co-operatives UK members and partners. If you are holding an event that appeals to co-operatives, email the details to events@uk.coop

<https://www.uk.coop/all-events>

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Time to change your bank account?

Triodos is a different kind of bank. They *only* lend money to organisations making a positive impact, culturally, socially or environmentally. They invite customers who are looking for an ethical bank, in a world where most banks impact the climate emergency in a negative way; nearly £150 billion has been invested in fossil fuels since 2016 by UK banks.

Triodos has been partners with Friends of the Earth since 2007, they will donate £40 once your current account reaches £100.

<https://www.triodos.co.uk/foe/>

Back editions of the newsletter are available to read on the website home page:

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

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