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Yorkshire Co-operative Resource Centre
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Co-operative News has been providing Co-operative education and information for 150 years, and continues this service through the monthly magazine and the website. This is a cause for celebration amongst co-operators everywhere.

Principle 5 started with the Co-operative News collection and this developed into the resources that we now hold.

Throughout the year we will look at the Co-op News story by sharing articles and perspectives.

Natalie Bradbury writes in Co-op News about
[Annie Bamford Tomlinson:](#)

Co-operator, campaigner, journalist and contributor to Co-op News.

How the Co-op Press Influenced Public Opinion
[Long Millgate's History of Marvellous Media](#)

David Lazell, reproduced from Co-operative News 25th July 2000

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Principle 5 Study Group Project

This is a research project which will endeavour to bring about a clearer understanding of the Co-operative Movement. The outcome might be a pamphlet which can be shared amongst Principle 5 members and more widely. The history of co-operation is already well documented and research resources are available. However it will be useful to bring this into the context of the changing circumstances of co-operatives,

and how the co-operative legacy can be a helpful foundation for the building of a co-operative commonwealth. Sadly, poverty and social deprivation are again widespread. The benefits brought about by a strong co-operative sector and the political post-war settlement have been lost. Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of co-operation.

Principle 5 members are welcome to take part in this project.

In order to give the project some structure, these parameters have been set:

Parameters for P5 Study Group Project

To examine:

- The Co-operative Movement at its zenith.
- The Co-operative Culture with reference to 'auxiliaries' and support organisations.
- The debate about the two socialisms:
 1. Centralised (top down); national and municipal delivery of services, nationalisation, municipalisation.
 2. Collective self-help (ground up); co-operative, social, cultural, community; consumer co-operatives v. producer (worker) co-operatives.
- The decline of consumer co-operation
- The rise of the Co-operative Group
- The fall of the Co-operative Group
- The re-birth of co-operation
- Co-operative educational facilities
- Imagining the Co-operative Commonwealth
- Towards the Co-operative Commonwealth
- Security and accessibility of quality food the co-operative way.

A list of Co-operative Auxiliaries:

Black – active (2021)
Red – no longer active

Women's Co-operative Guild – Co-operative Women's Guild

National Guild of Co-operators

British Federation of Young Co-operators

UK Society for Co-operative Studies

The Co-operative Party

Co-operatives UK – The Co-operative Union

Co-operative Press

The Co-operative College

Woodcraft Folk

Men's Co-operative Guild

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National Co-operative Archive

Co-operative groups associated with retail societies such as
rambling, drama, choirs, educational councils etc.

Alice Honora Enfield and the elimination of profits



Alice Honora Enfield
4 January 1882 – 14 August 1935

Alice Honora Enfield became secretary of the Women's Co-operative Guild in 1922 and in the same year she welcomed the publication of The Sheffield Co-operator:



**The following is an extract from A. Honora Enfield's 1927 book,
"Co-operation: Its Problems and Possibilities"**

There is probably no great Movement that is so little known as the Co-operative Movement. Yet there is none which has exercised a stronger attraction or called forth a greater devotion among those who have learnt to know it. It is the most profoundly revolutionary of all the workers' movements; not in the sense of seeking a violent upheaval, for force and violence are utterly alien to its spirit and hurtful to its progress, but in the sense that it means the most complete and fundamental alteration of the whole social and economic system. It abolishes profit-making, usually regarded as the indispensable motive of economic activity; it makes consumption, not production, the test of prosperity; it is gradually working out a new principle in the distribution of the world's wealth based neither on ownership of capital nor on work done, but on human needs. This great Movement, spread all over the world, has made during the last ten years* tremendous strides, and now stands as the greatest constructive effort of the workers.

*A. Honora Enfield
Secretary: International Co-operative Women's Guild*

The Principle 5 Resource Centre holds a copy of her book. See also:

Principle 5 Study Notes:

[A. Honora Enfield - The Elimination of Profits \(with notes\)](#)

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A co-operative mystery?



This picture of a co-operative store has been given to the P5 collection. We think that it's in the Sheffield area. Does anyone know where this store was and when the picture was taken?

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[Sheffield Co-ops](https://sheffield.coop/)

This is a website for all things co-operative in Sheffield. Please let us know if you spot anything that needs updating or any co-operative in Sheffield that should be added.

<https://sheffield.coop/>

Co-operative Training news: Free course for teachers

The Co-op College has launched a free online course to bring the co-operative perspective into secondary and university education. Teachers and lecturers can study *"Co-operative Entrepreneurship in Education: Tools and Resources"* developed across five countries and available in English, Italian and Spanish.

The digital course covers co-operative concepts, skills and insights into the difference that co-operatives can make. It encourages educational institutions to collaborate with local co-operatives, giving young people experiences of the importance and efficiency of the co-operative model of operation.

<https://www.thenews.coop/152951/topic/education/teacher-training-course-launched-on-co-op-entrepreneurship/>

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Recording credit union histories

Do you know any of the “stories of some of north of England’s credit union pioneers”? The Credit Union movement continues to collect testimony for an oral history project run by The Credit Union Foundation. A dedicated team of eight volunteers, trained by the Oral History Society, are using a podcasting platform to conduct interviews across the north of England which will become part of the national oral history collection cared for by the British Library.

If you have memories of credit unions before the year 2000, they would welcome your input. The online platform means this can be done from home, but microphone and headphones and instructions are provided. Photos or other items are also sought, for a new credit union heritage website.

Full details at: <https://www.thenews.coop/153038/sector/credit-unions/credit-union-movement-continues-to-collect-testimony-for-oral-history-project/>

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8th Co-op Principle proposed

Commitment to diversity, equality and inclusion (or DEI) could become a new Co-operative Principle. US credit unions are hoping to gain support for the idea, publicised on a website <https://DEItalks.com/>. They are inviting other credit unions and co-operatives to adopt and pledge support for the proposal:

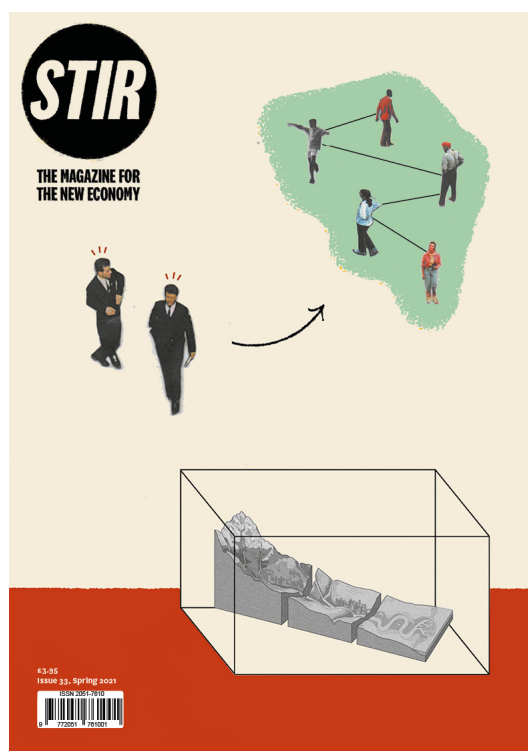
<https://www.thenews.coop/152748/sector/credit-unions/credit-unions-join-forces-to-launch-website-campaigning-for-8th-co-op-principle/>

STIR magazine springs out

The 33rd issue of STIR, “The magazine for the new economy” is now available. Published by a worker co-operative in Dorset, it covers new socio-economic ideas from UK and wider perspectives.

Each edition is £2.95, and an annual subscription in £16.

The Spring 2021 issue includes:



The Hidden History of Co-operative Law – Tara Mulqueen

“... in the early and mid-19th century, the state wanted to dissuade militant working class organisation as much as possible ... apparent in the ostensibly ‘enabling’ and permissive approach taken to co-operatives. Sometimes the best way to control a social movement is not proscribe it, but to legitimise it.”

Kindling a Food Revolution – Lizzy Haughton

“Kindling Farm will be launching a community shares campaign to attract community investors to purchase a farm on the outskirts of Greater Manchester. This 128-acre site will become a farming blueprint for the future ...”

Food Provision & Mass Dissent – Amardeep Dhillon

“... radical left spaces in Britain have in recent times lacked attention to food and care provision, and part of this is undoubtedly due to the devaluing of feminised labour. Community responses to Covid-19 have gone a long way towards ... initiatives by mutual aid networks, in which leftist organisers and activists have played a key role.”

VME: A Co-op Conversion Story – Aaron Stewart

“While conversion to employee ownership would release funding and give employees a stake in the business ... the rules needed to secure this particular tax treatment would challenge our desire to achieve co-operative status and full employee participation ...”

<https://www.stirtoaction.com/magazine-issues/issue-33>



It is with sadness that we report the passing of Nigel Todd who died suddenly and peacefully at his home in Newcastle. He was Chair of Trustees of the Co-operative College, an environmentalist, life long campaigner for adult education and a Newcastle-upon-Tyne City councillor.

Rebecca Harvey pays tribute to him in the Co-operative News

[Nigel Todd: A tribute](#)

The Principle 5 library and archive will soon be available again for members to use, by appointment, please contact Steve:

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