

Principle FIVE

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Newsletter - May 2021

**Introducing our new leaflet.
We hope that you will find it useful. Please share:**

[Principle 5 Leaflet](#)

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[The Origins of Co-operative Education](#)

Principle 5 is a member of the UK Society for Co-operative Studies. We are pleased to share an article by Gillian Lonergan about the origins of co-operative education, which appeared in the Journal of Co-operative Studies.

Our newsletter is one of the ways in which P5 endeavours to keep alive the role which education plays in the Co-operative Movement. Such a lot has changed since the days when the Movement was in its ascendancy, but we feel that the need for co-op education is as great as ever.

Sheffield Co-operative Society had an Education Council well into the 21st Century and this was normal for Societies until quite recently. Locally organised self-help co-operative education is now very rare, Principle 5 is quite unique.

You can read Gillian's article **[HERE](#)**



**The UK Society for Co-operative Studies
has a new website:**

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

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**The Online Meeting Cooperative uses open source
software, with hardware powered by renewable energy**

Principle 5 uses **www.meet.coop** for meetings and we have found this to be an excellent way of meeting while we cannot meet in person. We were really pleased to see that Rebecca Harvey has written an article in the May edition of Co-operative News:

[Democracy, you're on mute: A co-op alternative to Zoom](#)

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**Springing into spring with
[Co-operative and Community Finance](#)**

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Ethical Consumer is published by Ethical Consumer Research Association Ltd, an independent, not-for-profit, multi-stakeholder co-operative with open membership, founded in 1989 and based in Manchester. It is highly recommended.

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Co-op of the Year is an industry award to celebrate and reward co-operative enterprise. Click here to [vote for your favourites](#).

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Study Group

If anyone would like to join our Study Group please contact Steve: steve@sheffield.coop

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Co-op Learning Opportunities

Co-operation in Action

Starting a co-operative is one thing; creating a healthy democratic member-owned cooperative is something else. Co-operatives are human endeavours, requiring skills and collaborative working. How do co-ops navigate democratic governance? **Co-operation in Action**, a free Zoom workshop on Wednesday 26th May 2021 (6pm-7.30pm) will explore this area. The event offers practical tools to confront hurdles, make committees more efficient, and enhance co-operative skills within co-ops and among co-operators. It is facilitated by Ellie Perrin, and hosted by [Co-operative Alternatives](#), a Northern Irish co-op development organisation. Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/co-operation-in-action-tickets-151943706717>

Newcomers welcome

Co-operatives UK offers a special welcome to newcomers, with a monthly **New Member Meeting**. In a free, one hour online event you can meet their membership team and hear an introduction to Co-operatives UK. This is followed by informal chat with other co-ops, where you'll be encouraged to share thoughts, feedback and questions about membership. The date and details for the May 2021 meeting are on the following link.

<https://www.uk.coop/events-and-training/events-calendar/new-member-meeting-28may21>

Co-operative Studies Conference

A reminder that this month is the deadline (31st May 2021) to submit proposals for the Annual Conference of the UK Society of Co-operative Studies which takes place in September, online. This year's conference theme is '**Inter-co-operation between co-operators and co-operatives**' You can download the Call for Papers from:

<https://ukscs.coop/conferences/conference-2021/>

New Economy Festival

Stir to Action has announced the line-up for this summer's **Playground for the New Economy Festival**. It runs from 13th - 15th July 2021 at the New Economy Centre, [Selgars Mill](#), Cullompton, in mid-Devon. The event promises provocative conversations, live podcasts, interactive workshops, idea surgeries, sustainable food, wood-fired sauna, games, craft beer and live music. Accommodation is offered in a house, pre-pitched tent, or camper-van pitches. <https://www.stirtoaction.com/festival>

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To catch up with the latest from the Co-operative College:

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

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[Celebrating 150 years of Co-operative News](#)



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