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Welcome back to the Co-operative Resource Centre.
As Covid restrictions are gradually lifted we are happy to
accept appointment bookings for visits to the Centre.

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It is with sadness that we report the death of Johnston Birchall. The value of his contribution to co-operative study, research and publications cannot be overestimated. He wrote Co-op: the peoples business

We have several copies of it on the shelves at Principle 5. It was very helpful when I first became interested in the Co-operative Movement and is often the first book which visitors to the library borrow.

Miles Hadfield of Co-operative News writes:

Johnston Birchall, a scholar and champion for the co-op movement

Ed Mayo writes:

Johnston Birchall 'The most insightful co-op researcher of our day'

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Take home a year of Co-operative News!

When Principle 5 was given a collection of Co-operative News editions, it got an unexpected extra surprise: 31 duplicates. Co-operative News is the essential

record of our movement produced by the Co-operative Press since 1871. It provides an independent voice, not afraid to criticise when necessary.

The Co-operative Group agreed to donate their surplus annual volumes last year, to save them from disposal and retain them within the co-op movement. Each one is a large hardback book containing the newspapers from January to December, a fascinating insight into the news, views and graphic artwork of that year.

The National Co-operative Archives in Manchester holds a complete set of Co-operative News from 1871 to the present. Principle 5 holds most, but not all of Co-operative News from 1871 to the present.

138 editions of Co-op News have been indexed so far and are available on the [digital online index](#) of the newspaper, this is a large ongoing project, an essential tool for future historians of the co-operative movement.

In addition to the editions, held and available to read in Principle 5's archive, there are 31 volumes which are simply duplicates of certain years. They range from 1929 to 1977, spanning the war and post-war period and the height of the co-operative retail stores expansion.

The Principle 5 committee has decided that these can be made available for members to borrow, for study or discussion, (or simply to show off to friends!) Would you like to take home for a month one of these historic Co-operative News volumes? Why not see if the year of your birth is available, for example?

If you are interested please enquire through [Steve Thompson](#) about the borrowing arrangements, and the years' editions which we have available.

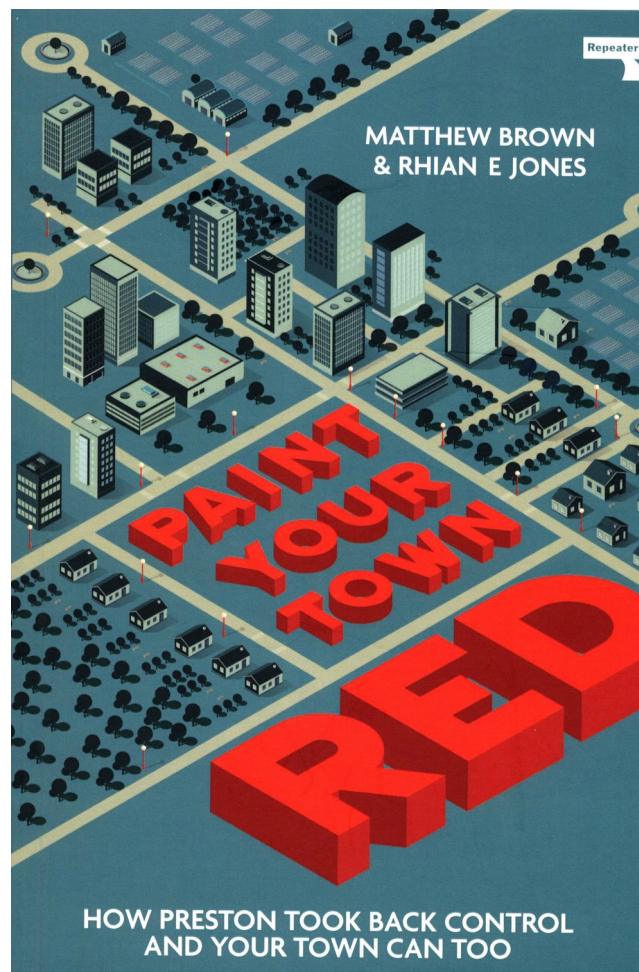
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The New Internationalist: five decades of social and environmental journalism

Co-editor Amy Hall talked about the magazine's plans for the future as it approaches its 50th anniversary

New Internationalist is a multi-stakeholder co-operative
read article in the June edition of Co-op News [HERE](#)

Two new books added to the library



Paint Your Town Red: How Preston Took Back Control and Your Town Can Too

Across the world, there is a growing recognition that a new kind of economy is needed: more democratic, less exploitative, less destructive of society and the planet. *Paint Your Town Red* looks at how wealth can be generated and shared at a local level through the experience of one of the main advocates of the new Democratic Economy, Matthew Brown, the driving-force behind the world-recognized Preston Model.

Preston's success shows that the ideas of community wealth-building work in practice and have the capacity to achieve a meaningful transfer of wealth and power back to local communities.

Matthew Brown is Labour's leader of Preston City Council and a senior fellow for the Democracy Collaborative, tasked with promoting Community Wealth Building across the UK and abroad.

Rhian E. Jones is a writer, historian and author of four books on politics and popular culture. She is a founding editor of the *New Socialist* website and now edits *Red Pepper* and writes for *Tribune* magazine.

Christiana Figueres Tom Rivett-Carnac

THE FUTURE WE CHOOSE

Surviving the Climate Crisis

'The Future We Choose
presents what we must do to
protect our shared future – your own,
and that of everyone on this planet'

LEONARDO DICAPRIO

'This is one of the most
inspiring books I have
ever read. I hope we will
all take this message to heart'

YUVAL NOAH HARARI,
AUTHOR OF SAPIENS

The Future We Choose is a passionate, compelling, and proactive call to change in the face of the climate crisis. Christiana Figueres and Tom Rivett-Carnac differ in their backgrounds but share a common deep concern for the future of our planet. Their perspectives are blended in this works to educate, enlighten, and encourage readers to recognise the climate emergency and act on it.

Published on 25th February 2020 just a month before the Coronavirus pandemic sent the UK, along with the rest of the world, into lockdown, this book has an even deeper significance, as it discusses a futuristic possibility of fewer cars on the road, cleaner air, community collaboration, shopping locally and home-growing vegetables, almost mirroring the dystopian reality that set in as people everywhere stayed home in fear of the virus, enjoying home cooking, baking, gardening, and where helping out others in the community became part of daily life.

Christiana Figueres was the UN Executive Secretary for Climate Change between 2010 and 2016. She was the public face of the most pivotal climate agreement in history. The Paris Agreement, in 2015.

Tom Rivett-Carnac was senior political strategist for the Paris Agreement. Together they are the co-founders of Global Optimism, an organisation focussed on creating environmental and social change, and co-hosts of the podcast [Outrage and Optimism](#).

GRASSROOTS REVIEW



The May edition of Co-operative News carried an article by Gillian Lonergan:

**'Co-op News is part of the co-operative movement but also an independent body
and this is incredibly valuable'**

Co-op News: a tool of democracy

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Principle 5 is a member of the Co-operative College. This article by Susan Press appears in the June edition: A chequered past: What has happened to the Co-op College?

[A look back at the story of the College, leading up to its recent reorganisation](#)

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Co-operative Congress 2021

Co-operatives UK has announced the speakers for this year's national Co-op Congress, which will be held online on 25 June. Naturalist, broadcaster and environmental campaigner Chris Packham will lead a session on the role of co-ops in campaigning for social change.

The event, free to all co-op members, will look at how the movement can help the country rebuild.

Read article by Miles Hadfield **[HERE](#)**

Meet ... Rory Ridley-Duff, professor of cooperative social entrepreneurship, Sheffield Business School

Rory is a researcher and educator on co-operative and social enterprise management at [Sheffield Business School](#), based at Sheffield Hallam University, founder of [the FairShares Association](#), and a poet and musician. He is currently chair of the [UK Society for Co-operative Studies](#).

Miles Hadfield of Co-operative News met up with him, you can read the conversation;

[HERE](#)

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Co-operative Training and Events

Co-operative Fortnight

Co-op Fortnight runs from 21 June to 4th July this year, with the theme of #JoinACoop. Do you know someone who wants to make a difference and drive democratic business? Now's the time to encourage them. To get involved, resources are available at Co-operatives UK's website: <https://www.uk.coop/resources/co-op-fortnight-resources-2021>

Young Cooperators' Network relaunched

The plan is to recreate an independent network for cooperators up to age 30, either in a coop or aspiring to be, and for people of any age but a member of coop for less than 2 years. It's FREE to join, with a mission to support young cooperators through outreach, friendship, collaboration and knowledge sharing. Their vision is to grow and diversify the cooperative movement and help young people tackle the changing nature of work, housing, and food by empowering them to join, form, and champion cooperatives.

To register your interest, fill in details at the website below, and select the newsletter option to hear about upcoming online socials and meet-ups.

<https://airtable.com/shrjvyOIRTzMQIGGD>

Tech Fest for Social Good

The Wales Co-operative Centre is hosting a week long virtual festival (14th–18th June 2021) to celebrate and showcase the benefits of digital technology for social good. Naturally tech features on the line-up, but also themes like food supplies, diversity and inclusion and community engagement. Co-operative people are encouraged to join in. Attendance (online) is FREE, details at their website: <https://wales.coop/tech-fest-for-social-good-2021/>

Co-op Congress 2021

The speakers for this year's Co-op Congress on 25th June have been announced and they include Dan Jarvis, Mayor of Sheffield City Region. It will be a 'hybrid' online and real life event, but in person places are very limited due to Covid-19 restrictions. Tickets are FREE

for anyone that works in or is a member of a co-op, thanks to support from The Co-operative Bank. For the full schedule and speakers see: <https://www.uk.coop/events-and-training/co-op-congress-2021-line-up>

Playground for the New Economy Festival

Stir to Action's 2021 festival looks set to go ahead on 13th–15th July, in Devon, with the title "Playground for the New Economy". Themes covered will range from racism to the environment, public services to housing co-ops. They promise provocative conversations, live podcasts, interactive workshops, idea surgeries, sustainable food, wood-fired sauna, games, craft beer and live music. <https://www.stirtoaction.com/festival>

Co-operative College new Head of Business Development invites comments

Recently appointed Nina Valvi spoke to Co-operative News this month (<https://www.thenews.coop/154938/topic/education/a-new-future-what-next-for-the-co-operative-college/>) having started her new Co-operative College role during the lockdown. "We need to reach wider communities, recruit more members (...) and teach people why co-ops are important both now and in the future" she says. With finances are very stretched she warns about "overstretch by saying yes to everything" and sticking to core purposes. "It's important to remember that just because funding is there for a project, we don't need to go after it" she observes.

Nina welcomes comments about co-operative education and asks: "what can the co-operative movement do to support the College's future? Please have conversations with me. Tell me what your needs are. Tell me what support your co-op and your members need, what their mission and vision are and how we can help."

The Co-operative College's website is:

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

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