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UK Co-op Congress 2021: We Are The Rebuilders

'A co-operative is a place where people share ideas, and they share a vision.
But we need to realise that vision'

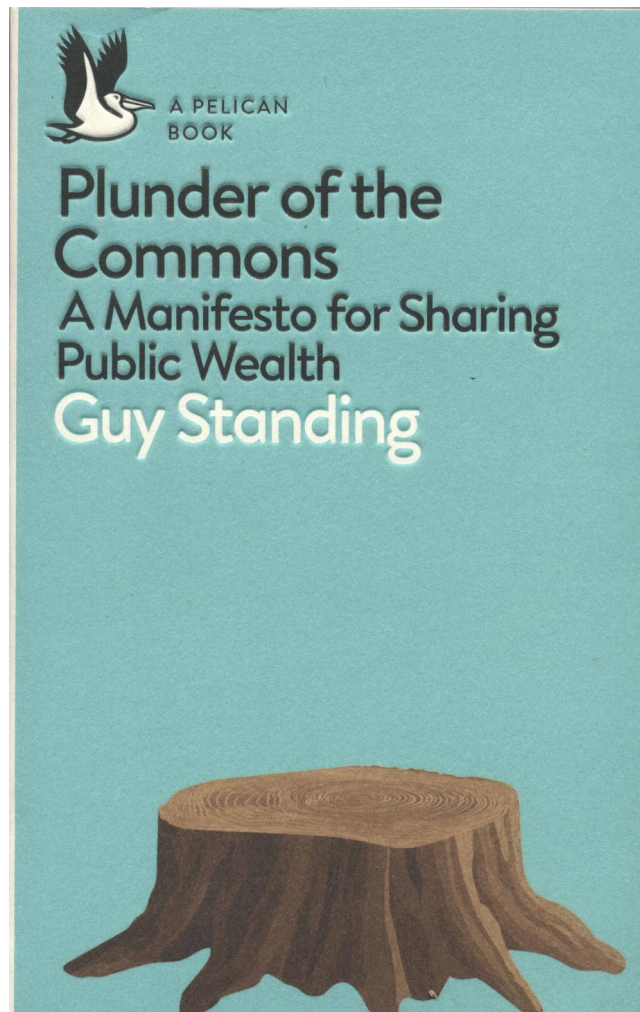
The 2021 UK Co-operative Congress was held on Friday 25 June as a hybrid event during Co-op Fortnight, with around over 300 delegates engaging in person or online. The theme was 'We Are The Rebuilders', with speakers addressing issues of community and local economy, campaigning, youth participation and the need for people outside of the co-op movement to learn about what co-ops are and why they matter.

For all the information and reports in Co-operative News:

[Congress 2021](#)



A new addition to the Principle 5 library



How did an 800-year-old charter establish our right to share society's wealth?

Why have we been deprived of our common wealth and resources?

How can we foster a more free, equal and ecological society today?

Guy Standing has held professorships at the University of Bath and at SOAS, was programme director at the International Labour Organisation and has advised the UN, World Bank and governments around the world on labour and social policy.

He is author of the bestselling [*The Precariat: The New Dangerous Class*](#) (2011) and is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences. *Basic Income: And How We Can Make It Happen*

Study Group

If you would like to be involved in the study Group, please contact: steve@sheffield.coop

The latest set of study notes are:
[Producer Co-operatives](#)

Study notes are a starting point for further research.

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The Ecologist

The Ecologist has played a crucial role in diagnosing the environmental crises which have only worsened in the intervening half-century. Now we're increasingly focusing on how we find solutions. And we are keen to work more closely with our contributors and readers to ensure that understanding and respecting our ecology becomes second nature in the half-century to come.

[The Ecologist – about us](#)

[Climate Wake up Call](#)

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is the United Nations body for assessing the science related to climate change.

<https://www.ipcc.ch/>

After the UN issued a 'code red for humanity' on Monday, many people are asking — [what can I do about climate change?](#)

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Bridgehouses Footbridge crossing the River Don
(showing Aizlewood's Mill in top right hand corner)

A bridge made of timber which probably gave the name Bridgehouses to the area predates the original cast iron footbridge which was constructed by the Walker Iron Foundry in Rotherham. They worked with **Thomas Paine** in developing iron bridge designs in the 1780's. (see 'Sheffield – A Civilised Place' by Duncan Froggatt page 199).

The bridge had to be replaced after the flood which devastated the Upper Don Valley in 1864.

Bridgehouses Footbridge will always put me in mind of Thomas Paine who played such an influential role in the American Revolution and who will always be remembered as the author of *Common Sense* and other works including *The Rights of Man* and *The Age of Reason*. He also played a significant part in the French revolution. His life was saved by advice from his friend William Blake who warned him of the danger he faced from the British authorities.

To see full article illustrated with 6 photographs:
<https://www.principle5.coop/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Bridgehouses.pdf>

Raymond Williams at 100

Described as 'the last of the great European male revolutionary socialist intellectuals' in his time, read him today a century after his birth and you will never see the world the same way again, writes **NICK MATTHEWS**

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Heritage Open Days 2021

[Principle 5 is again participating in this event](#)

[Aizlewood's Mill Tour](#)

Event Times

Friday 10 September: 1000-1500

Tuesday 14 September: 1000-1500

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Members are always welcome to visit the resource centre.

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