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CO-OPERATION AND GLOBALISATION

THE BRITISH CO-OPERATIVE WHOLESALERS, THE
CO-OPERATIVE GROUP AND THE WORLD SINCE
1863

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A copy of Co-operation and Globalisation is kept in the Principle 5 lending library.

Andrew Bibby has written a review of the book in Co-operative News

<https://www.thenews.coop/157289/sector/retail/review-co-operation-globalisation/>

Saving Portland Works

the story of a community working together to rescue one of the UK's most important historical buildings

Portland Works is often referred to as the birthplace of stainless steel cutlery manufacturing. It was built in Sheffield in 1879 and is now one of the last remaining working examples of a purpose built metal trades factory. It is a Grade II* listed building.

The journey to save Sheffield's historic Portland Works from commercial development has been nothing short of astonishing.

By 2013, despite there being over 20 tenants who worked in the building and relied upon it for their livelihoods, the owner had allowed it to deteriorate and planned to evict the tenants and convert the building to student flats.

There was a strong feeling in the community that this should not be allowed to happen. And after much organising, a Community Benefit Society was formed and more than 500 community shareholders raised the money to buy Portland Works. It was saved from residential conversion and the people working there kept their livelihoods. The founding committee were determined to save Portland Works and they succeeded.

The grade II* listed building has been reborn as a centre for small manufacturing, independent artists and craftspeople, with more than thirty small businesses located within the 2600 square metre floor space. These include knife makers, an engraver and several engineers; cabinetmakers and joiners; jewellers and silver platers; artists; rug and

guitar makers; photographers and a Yorkshire based gin distillery. Even high-tech CNC manufacturing is happening at Portland Works.

Last Wednesday, Portland Works members were invited to the first screening of a film which tells the Portland Works story 'Saving Portland Works'. I was very pleased to be there to see the film, and it is now available for anyone to watch, it lasts just over half an hour and I recommend it.

The link to the film is:

www.portlandworks.co.uk/savingportlandworks

Co-operatives in Sheffield

[Sheffield Co-operatives](#)

Co-operatives in West Yorkshire

SUMA. Wholesaler of Products with sustainability and ethics in mind. Workers co-operative

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

Leeds Bread Co-op. Workers co-operative bakery in Leeds.

<https://leedsbread.coop/>

The Handmade Bakery Co-op. Slaithwaite, bakery and café.

<https://thehandmadebakery.coop/>

Gritstone Publishing Co-operative. Hebden Bridge

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

Fairtrader Co-op. Fairtrade shop. Holmfirth

<https://www.fairtrader.info/>

Footprint Workers Co-op. Environmentally conscious
printers in Leeds

<https://www.footprinters.co.uk/>

Cornerstone (housing) Leeds

<http://cornerstonehousing.org.uk/>

Radical Routes. A network of radical co-ops whose
members are committed to working for positive, radical
social change

<http://www.radicalroutes.org.uk/>

Lilac (housing) Leeds

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

Valley Care. Colne Valley Equitable Care Society Ltd is a
multi-stakeholder co-operative established to provide both
high-quality domiciliary care for older and disabled people in
the Colne Valley, and fair and proper terms and conditions of
employment for care staff.

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

Co-op Culture. Supporting Sustainable Co-operative and
Community Enterprise
<https://www.culture.coop/>

North Yorkshire

Benenden Health. (based in York) a co-operative society.
<https://www.benenden.co.uk/>

Hudswell Community Pub

<https://www.georgeanddragonhudswell.co.uk/about-us>

Grosmont Co-operative Society

<http://grosmontcoop.co.uk/>

**Members are always welcome to visit the resource
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