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Happy October everyone. Autumn is here and the nights are drawing in. This newsletter brings ideas for co-operative study on the theme of:

Co-operation
a cohesive Movement with a purpose:
Consumer and Worker Co-operatives

Study notes

Honora Enfield writing in 1927 explained that Co-operation is a system in which profits are eliminated and distribution and production are for use, and not for the private wealth accumulation of individuals i.e. profit. She was speaking about **Consumer Co-operation**.

<https://www.principle5.coop/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/A.-Honora-Enfield-notes.pdf>

Our pamphlet 'The Future of Co-operation' is a well written argument for consumer co-operation, written at a time when, the Movement was in a position to transform society. What prevented progress, was it the second world war, and/or other factors?

More Than Just a Shop

These notes are taken from More Than Just a Shop by Geoffrey Whiteley and well worth reading.

<https://www.principle5.coop/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/More-Than-Just-a-Shop-with-notes.pdf>

The the debate about consumer co-operatives versus worker (producer) co-operatives raged in the late Victorian period as the CWS was coming into its ascendancy. J.T. W. Mitchell, was Chairman of the Co-operative Wholesale Society from 1878 – 1895 and argued for consumer co-operation. An excellent book by Stephen Yeo is:

Who Was J. T. W. Mitchell

<https://www.principle5.coop/books/who-was-j-t-w-mitchell>

The Co-operative Heritage Trust has produced an excellent document: Workers' Co-operatives 1970s - 1990s

It states: “Workers’ co-operatives are businesses owned and controlled by the members who work in them. Most are flat structures where each member has a say in how the business is run”.

<https://www.principle5.coop/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Worker-Co-ops-Learning-Resource.pdf>

In 2000, the workers co-operative movement ICOM, joined with the newly formed Co-operative Union to become Co-operatives UK. This is all changing with the establishment of the Worker Co-op Council.

<https://www.thenews.coop/162850/sector/worker-coops/new-federation-planned-for-worker-co-ops-in-the-uk/>

Can anyone help to create a study programme?
The notes on the website might be helpful:

<https://www.principle5.coop/p5-study>

Have you any ideas about how to progress?
How has the Co-operative Movement progressed?

[Co-operative Milestones 1769 - 2000](#)

The Principle 5 Library and Archive has all the resources,

Here is the Catalogue:

<https://www.principle5.coop/archives>

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Additions to the Principle 5 Library

Fenner Brockway: Towards Tomorrow: the autobiography
(we have four other books of Fenner Brockway's memoirs).

Derek Wall: Elinor Ostrom's Rules for Radicals: cooperative
alternatives beyond markets and states

Paul Allender: What's Wrong with Labour?

Upton Sinclair: The Millennium: a comedy of the year 2000

A.L. Morton: The English Utopia

Notices

FRIDAY, 7 OCTOBER 2022 AT 19:00

Discussions Over Dinner: Community Growing

<https://www.facebook.com/events/5438815822864240/?sfnsn=scwspmo>
<https://thefoodworks.org/>

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Come to the annual '[Ways Forward for the Co-op Movement](#)' conference

Share ideas and learn about projects from speakers like

- [Chris Saltmarsh](#), Author of "Burnt: Fighting for Climate Justice" (Pluto Press), Co-founder of Labour for a Green New Deal,
- [The Kindling Trust](#) working with [Unicorn Grocery](#)
- [Molly Scott Cato](#), professor of Green Economics
- [The Larder](#), Preston
- [Tipping Point](#)
- Edinburgh Student Housing Co-op
- Kate Whittle of the Worker Co-ops Anti-Racism working group
- [Steve Graby](#), researching disabled people's involvement in UK co-ops
- Jonathan Atkinson of [People-Powered Retrofit](#)
- [workers.coop](#) - new UK federation of worker-led co-ops*
- and many more on themes of housing, economics, energy and social change

Join for food, social and Open Mic on Thursday evening - Open Mic slots still available and tickets can be bought separately if you just wanna hang out or can't make the daytimes see attached flyer.

Stalls and bursaries are available and volunteers are still needed.



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Members are always welcome to visit the resource centre.

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