

Principle 5 Study Group

Parameters

To examine:

- The Co-operative Movement at its zenith
 - The Co-operative Culture with reference to ‘auxiliaries’ and support organisations.
 - The debate about the two socialisms
1. Centralised (top down). National and Municipal delivery of services, nationalisation, municipalisation.
 2. Collective self-help (ground up). Co-operative, social, cultural, community. Consumer co-operatives v Producer (worker) co-operatives.
 - The decline of consumer co-operation
 - The rise of the Co-operative Group
 - The fall of the Co-operative Group
 - The re-birth of co-operation
 - Co-operative educational facilities and other support organisations
 - Imagining the Co-operative Commonwealth
 - Towards the Co-operative Commonwealth
 - Security and accessibility of quality food the co-operative way.

Co-operative Auxiluries

Women's Co-operative Guild – Co-operative Women's Guild

National Guild of Co-operators

British Federation of Young Co-operators

UK Society for Co-operative Studies

The Co-operative Party

Co-operatives UK

Co-operative Press

The Co-operative College

Woodcraft Folk

Men's Co-operative Guild

Principle 5 Yorkshire Co-operative Resource Centre

National Co-operative Archive

co-operative groups associated with retail societies such as rambling, drama, choirs, educational councils etc.

red – no longer active

black – active

The Fall of the Co-operative Group

Failings in management and governance

Report of the independent review into the events leading to the Co-operative Bank's capital shortfall

Sir Christopher Kelly

30 April 2014

<https://assets.ctfassets.net/5ywmq66472jr/3LpckmtCnuWiuuuEM2qAsw/9bc99b1cd941261bca5d674724873deb/kelly-review.pdf>

158 pages

Myners Report

Lord Myners Review (published 7 May 2014)

Independent Governance Review

In December 2013 Lord Paul Myners was appointed to The Co-operative Group Board as Senior Independent Director. The Group Board has asked him to lead a comprehensive, independent review of the Group's governance, aiming to create a co-operative which has best in class structures and working practices fit for its scale and complexity and able to demonstrate true accountability to its membership and wider stakeholders.

The independent review focused particularly on the effectiveness of the Group Board and ensuring the interests of the entire membership are properly served.

The report was published 7 May 2014 and provided a set of practical reforms intended to strengthen the Group's ability to recover from the traumatic shocks it had suffered in 2013 and help position it for renewed success.

https://assets.ctfassets.net/5ywmq66472jr/3DA9s4bHUAguMmY688cAQW/b04a23c45c971098d9735c0ba7fc4159/Report_of_the_Independent_Governance_Review.pdf

183 pages

Hard copies of both these reports are available at the Resource Centre.