

Sustainability of the co-operative ecosystem: The role of secondary co-operatives and federations 1-2 March, Lichfield, UK



Friday 1 March	
12:00 – 12:30	Registration and lunch
12:30 – 12:40	Welcome - Mike Wistow/Chris Berry
12:40 – 13:30	<i>Chair: Nick Matthews</i> Keynote Presentation - Debbie Robinson, Chief Executive, Central Co-op
13:30 – 15:00	<i>Chair: Nick Matthews</i> Panel session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Atherton, workers.co-op, Federation of Worker Co-ops • Robin Fieth, Chief Executive, Building Societies Association • Zuna Farooq, Strategy and Intelligence, Co-op Group
15:00 – 15:15	Break
15:15 – 17:00	Guided visits/Talks - Led by colleagues from Central Co-op <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boley Park - Large Community Store (Taxi to Boley Park / back to SC) • Streethay - Local Community Store (Taxi to Streethay /back to SC) • Citizenship Walk - Being a good citizen (Why we stayed in Lichfield) • Young People - Apprenticeship work and commitment / investment (SC)
17:00 – 19:00	Return to conference venue: networking with debrief on visits Co-operative education by Central Co-op, Membership & Community Council
19:00 – 19:30	<i>Chair: Elisavet Mantzari</i> Paper Presentation Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sean Farmelo - Building political cohesion in worker co-operative and social solidarity organisations – a study on approaches to ecology in Catalonia
19:30 – 21:30	Conference dinner followed by after dinner speaker - Jane Avery, Central Co-op

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Saturday 2 March	
08:45 - 09:30	Registration and refreshments
09:30 – 10.45	<p><i>Chair: Mike Wistow</i></p> <p>Keynote Presentation - Anita Mangan, Editor, Journal for Co-operative Studies</p> <p>Paper Presentation Session/1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lakshmi Jayan and Abilash Unny - Entrepreneurial ecosystem approach of secondary co-operatives in agricultural infrastructural financing
10.45 – 11.00	Break
11.00 – 12:15	<p><i>Chair: Janette Hurst</i></p> <p>Paper Presentation Session/2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tony Webster - States, co-operatives and social enterprises: the design and impact of local, national and international policy on the co-operative and social/solidarity economy [On-line] • Patrick Doyle, Bridget Carroll, Peter Couchman, Tiziana O’Hara - The Society for Co-operative Studies in Ireland and strategic renewal: the future of co-operative education in Ireland
12:15 – 13.00	Lunch
13:00 – 14:15	<p>Paper Presentation Session/3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elisavet Mantzari - Accounting and reporting for co-operative purposes: insights from practitioners in the UK [On-line] • Janette Hurst - Sustainability worker co-operatives: getting on with sustainable development
14:15 – 15.00	<p>Session/4</p> <p>Concluding remarks/Looking forward</p>