



54th Annual Conference

Supported by Lincolnshire Co-operative

Consumer Co-operation Today: What Works Well

Friday 24 – Saturday 25 February 2023

Double Tree by Hilton, Cedar Suite, fourth floor

Brayford Wharf N, Lincoln, UK

Programme outline

Friday 24 February

12:00-12:30	<i>Registration and lunch</i>
12:30-12:40	Welcome
12:40-13:30	Keynote 1: Debbie Robinson
13:30-15:30	Panel session
15:30-17:00	Guided visits
17:00-18:30	Networking with debrief on visits
18:30-19:00	Free time
19:00-21:00	<i>Conference Dinner</i>
21:00-21:30	After dinner speaker: David Cowell

Saturday 25 February

09:00-09:30	<i>Registration and refreshments</i>
09:30-10:10	Keynote 2: Tony Webster
10:10-10:30	Talk by Jeevan Jones
10:30-11:00	Talk by Rory Ridley-Duff
11:00-11:30	<i>Break</i>
11:30-12:30	Paper session 1
12:30-13:10	<i>Lunch</i>
13:10-13:30	Book launch session
13:30-15:00	Paper session 2
15:00-15:30	Concluding remarks: looking forward

Detailed programme

Friday 24 February

12:00–12:30 Registration and lunch

12:30–12:40 Welcome

12:40–13:30 Keynote lecture 1

Debbie Robinson (CEO, Central Co-op), **"A Members' Owned Business Today"**

Chair: Francesca Gagliardi

13:30–15:30 Panel session – "Consumer Co-operation: Past, Present and Future"

Chair: Nick Matthews

Tarra Simmons (Head of Community and Democratic Engagement, MidCounties Co-op)

Laura Dunne (Head of Marketing and Membership, Lincolnshire Co-op & Member of the Members Council, Co-op Group)

Steve Galjaard (Chief Financial Officer and Acting CEO, Lincolnshire Co-op)

Mark Robinson-Field (Member Participation Manager, Co-op Group)

15:30–17:00 Guided visits to Cornhill Quarter and Science Park

(Delegates will be assigned to one of the two visits)

17:00–18:30 Networking with debrief on visits at Double Tree by Hilton

18:30–19:00 Free time

19:00–21:00 Conference dinner

21:00–21:30 After dinner speaker – David Cowell (Lincolnshire Co-op Board Chair)

Chair: Mike Wistow

Saturday 25 February

09:00–09:30 **Registration and refreshments**

09:30–10:10 **Keynote lecture 2**

Tony Webster (Northumbria University), **"Consumer Co-operation in the 21st Century: Some Examples of Strategic Renewal "**

Chair: Francesca Gagliardi

10:10–10:30 **Jeevan Jones** (Vice-President Business, Performance & Strategy, Co-op Group), **"Member Economic Value"**

Chair: Mike Wistow

10:30–11:00 **Rory Ridley-Duff** (Sheffield Hallam University), **"Report Back on New Co-operativism Seminar Series"**

Chair: Mike Wistow

11:00–11:30 **Break**

11:30–12:30 **Paper session 1**

Chair: Rory Ridley-Duff

Andrew Bibby (Independent), **"Co-operative Housing Initiatives before the 1919 Addison Act "**

Claude-André Guillothe (University of Sherbrooke), **"The Impact of COVID-19 on Canadian Co-operatives and Mutuals: Lessons Learned"**

12:30–13:10 **Lunch**

13:10–13:30 **Book Launch – Andrew Bibby**, *These Houses Are Ours: Co-operative and Community Led Housing Alternatives, 1870 - 1919* (Gritstone Social History, 2023)

13:30–15:00 Paper session 2

Chair: Nick Matthews

Francesca Gagliardi (University of Hertfordshire) & **Rory Ridley Duff** (Sheffield Hallam University), **"Co-operative Values, Principles and Sustainable Development"**

Steve Graby (University of Leeds), **"Disabled People's Personal Assistance Co-operatives: An Overlooked Form of Consumer Co-op with Radical Potential?"**

Lakshmi Jayan (Sree Narayana College, India), **Abilash Unny** (Price Waterhouse Coopers LLP, UK) & **Raju G** (University of Kerala (India), **"Consumer Cooperative Playbook (CCP): A Knowledge Sharing Digital Platform"**

15:00–15:30 Concluding remarks: looking forward

Chair: Mike Wistow