

FuturesNorth



S E T T I N G N E W D I R E C T I O N S

Workshops

Workshops will run throughout the day in 3 rounds. You are able to pick one workshop per round. Registration for each workshop will take place upon registering at the venue on 11th September. Full descriptions of each workshop, where provided, can be found below.

Workshop Round 1

Importance of Values and Principles

First Question North will work with participants to explore the importance of values and principles as a starting point for any cooperative business. This will be a practical look at cooperative values and what they mean to you and your new business and how embedding cooperative principles can put all that talk into action. This will be an active session, no chalk and talk but an opportunity to see how it feels to work cooperatively, with practical tools which can be applied in a real life context.

<http://www.1stquestion.coop>

Carpark Cricket

By Chris Johns, a project co-ordinator
Carpark Cricket was piloted in Huddersfield in 2009. The 16 week programme is run across the South Pennines, organised by volunteers. Carparks at The Co-operative stores are used by Carpark Cricket to enable young people to learn to play cricket. They are now looking for sponsorship and partners to help roll the scheme out across the region.

Community Power

By Cliff Mills and Hugh Goulbourne, Community Energy Direct.

Beat Tesco on the price of energy!

Visit to Headingley Development Trust

The trip, just a short distance from the venue, will take you round the Headingley Farmers Market; Natural Food Store Ltd, an IPS with 230 members; give a quick overview of the Community Orchard; and will end with a tour of the development of Headingley Enterprise and Arts centre.

Mutual Ownership in Football

By Andy Walsh, of FC United

Learn more about fan ownership in football.

Campaigning for Change

By Rebecca Forecast of the Co-operative College

Campaigning for Change – a workshop to demonstrate the history of member campaigning throughout the history of the co-operative movement, for issues including workers rights and women's rights. The workshop involves a timeline activity which demonstrates that on many of these issues, the movement has been ahead of its time in leading such campaigns.

Website: <http://www.co-op.ac.uk/>



Workshop Round 2

Supporting Asset Transfer in Yorkshire and the Humber

By the Development Trusts Association

Expert advice, guidance and support concerning the transfer of under-used land and buildings from the public sector to community ownership and management. Helping organisations develop those assets to deliver long-term social, economic and environmental benefits.

www.dta.org.uk/yhassettransfer

Website: <http://www.dta.org.uk/>

Setting an Educational Agenda for Cooperatives

By Dr Rory Ridley-Duff, Sheffield Hallam University

Employee-owned and cooperative enterprises have been foundation stones on which the social enterprise movement has been built across Europe, Asia and South America, but their role is yet to be fully recognised in Anglo-America books and courses in the UK. Rory Ridley-Duff, course leader for both the Cooperative and Social Enterprise Summer School and MSc in Social Enterprise and Business Democracy at Sheffield Business School will discuss new educational opportunities, and his new book for Sage Publications. The workshop will stimulate a conversation on ways of integrating the study of employee-owned and cooperative enterprises into Higher Education courses.

Shared Interest

By Ruth Taylor, Shared Interest

Shared Interest are an ethical investments co-operative, lending money to fair trade business in the developing world.

Find out more at this workshop.

Website: <http://www.shared-interest.com/>

Building affordable, low carbon Cohousing projects: the LILAC Project

By Lilac Mutual Home Ownership Society Ltd

This workshop will outline the Lilac project – a co-operative society in Leeds which is building a cohousing development in west Leeds, based around 20 homes and a common house. It will outline the key aspects for any group aiming to develop housing that is affordable, sustainable, low impact and based on the participation of its members. The workshop will cover technical, design, environmental, legal, financial, democratic and social aspects.

Website: <http://www.lilac.coop>

Support and Advice for Developing Co-operatives, about The Co-operative Enterprise Hub

By Jon Clarke, on behalf of the Co-operative Enterprise Hub

Website: <http://www.co-operative.coop/enterprisehub/>

The Co-operative Enterprise Hub aims to expand the co-operative economy by creating strong, ethically-led businesses with a deep sense of social responsibility. It offers a package of advice, training and finance to help new and existing co-operatives become more sustainable businesses.

Whether you're just starting up or already on your feet, The Co-operative Enterprise Hub is here to provide with free advice, training and consultancy, support provided by co-operative development professionals and loans available without security or personal guarantee.

Creating Impact, Growth and Value,

By Make it Happen consultancy.

An interactive seminar that will help you understand how people's values can come together within an organisation to create Impact, Growth and Value.

Key topics of discussion include:-

Generating income

People power

The ethical journey

Creating, measuring and communicating social impact

This seminar is for managers and leaders of social and ethical businesses:

A fusion of discussion and learning.



Workshop Round 3

The Credit Union Movement

By Neil Rhodes, Leeds City Credit Union and Yorkshire Chapter of Credit Unions

The credit union movement is international. This workshop provides an overview of the movement.

Website:

<http://www.leedscitycreditunion.co.uk/>

Legal Structures for Transition Initiatives

By Mark Simmonds, Co-operatives UK, Making Local Food Work

Many Transition Towns are creating new community enterprises as part of the process of creating a more resilient local economy. These enterprises include Community Supported Agriculture projects, Food Co-operatives, New Markets, Community Owned Shops and Community Power projects.

This workshop will include a presentation, case studies and discussion around the sustainability of the co-operative model for Transition Initiatives and the process and issues around choosing the most suitable structure for your Transition Initiative.

Website:

<http://www.makinglocalfoodwork.co.uk>

Renewable Energy Can Work For You

By Dr Steven Glynn, Sustainable Change Co-operative

Explores, through a simple case study and using an innovative presentation technique (prezi.com), the practical opportunities presented by renewable heat and electricity. It provides worked examples of cost benefits of drawing the Feed in tariff, other finance options, renewable technology options in brief, etc.

Website: <http://www.sustainable-change.co.uk/>

Access to Finance

By Ian Rothwell, Co-operative and Community Finance

Accessing finance for new and existing co-ops including the different types of finance available, the advantages and disadvantages of each and look at what lenders/investors are looking for.

Website: <http://www.co-opandcommunityfinance.coop>

Community and Campaigns

By Angela Davies, Community and Campaigns, The Co-operative

Find out more about The Co-operatives campaigning and community work, and how you can get involved.

Contact Information

The main contact on the day will be Ian Adderley, on behalf of Co-operatives Yorkshire and the Humber.

He can be contacted on: 07915 392 605 or emailed at: ian@cooperatives-yh.coop

Further information at:

www.futures-north.coop

After the event...

We know many will have missed workshops they wanted to attend. As such we aim to use the website to capture information from the day, and make available online whatever we can from various workshops.

We'll make contact once the event is over, directing you to: <http://futures-north.coop>



Programme

- 09.00** Registration and welcome
- 09.30- 09.50** Refreshments and performance of '[Broke](#)'
- 10.00** Keynote from Dame Pauline Green, President ICA
- 10.35-** Workshop Round 1
- 11.30** Networking and Lunch
- 13.15** Keynote from Peter Couchman, CEO Plunkett Foundation
- 13.50** Workshop Round 2
- 14:40** Workshop Round 3
- 15.30** Question and Answer Panel
- 16.00** Close of Conference

Sponsors

This event has been sponsored by The Co-operative and The Co-operative Membership, including the following area committees: Leeds & Wakefield, West Yorkshire, South Yorkshire, North Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear, Durham, North Yorkshire. This event has also been sponsored by the Co-operative Party.

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