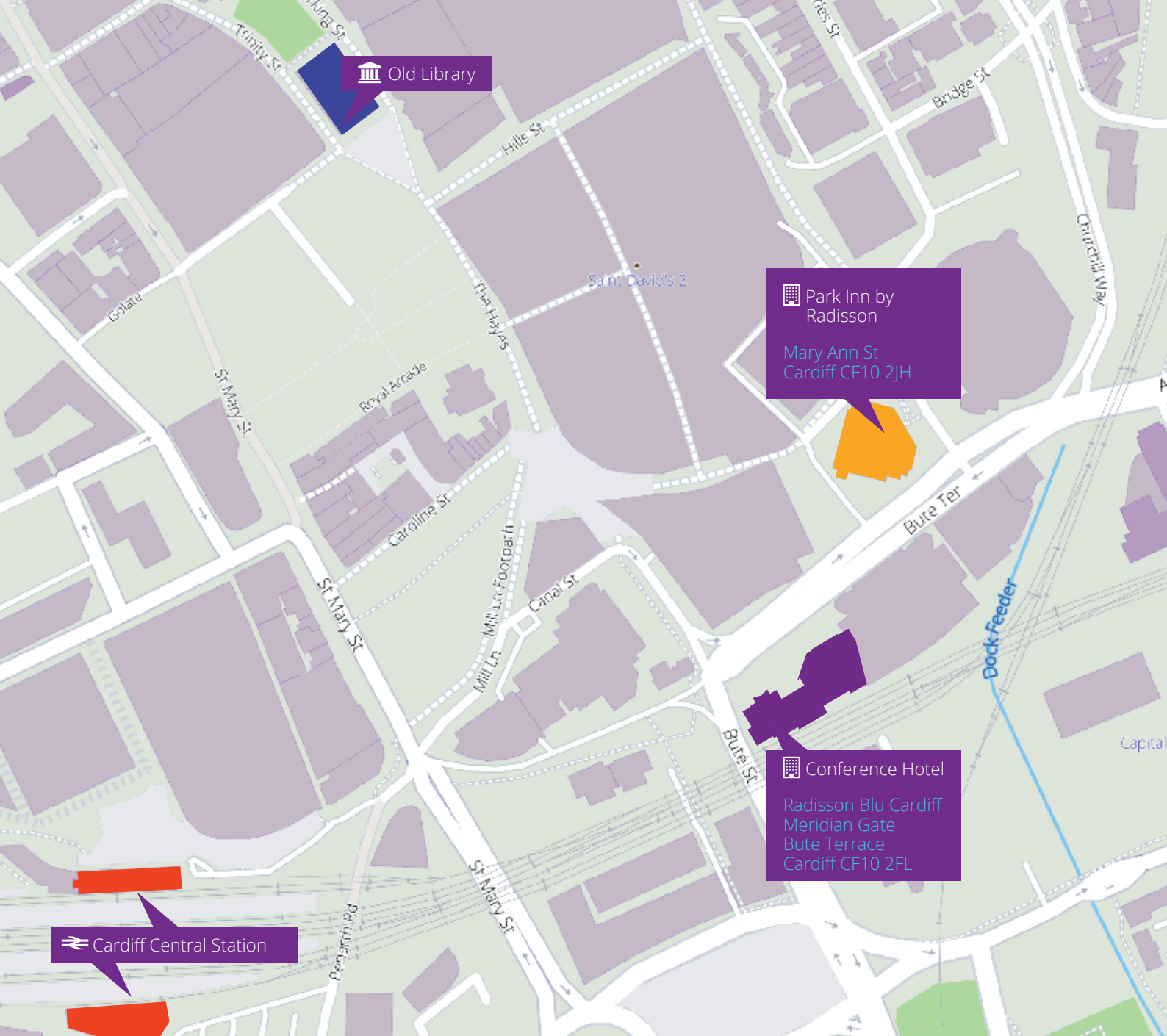




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guide to conference



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Welcome

Welcome to Co-operative Party Conference 2016!



It is fantastic that this year we are in Wales, where a Labour & Co-operative Government is working hard to create a fairer and more prosperous country, and are doing so in part by promoting and supporting co-operative models. We look forward in particular to being joined by Cabinet Secretary Mark Drakeford AM and by Derek Walker from the Wales Co-operative Centre to hear about this work.

In the aftermath of the EU referendum result, British families and communities face uncertain times. Many who voted leave were expressing a desire to have more control over issues that matter to them. As the country debates what Brexit will look like, it is up to us to argue that it is not enough for power to be further consolidated in Westminster but instead dispersed to the lowest possible level.

We are also very pleased to again be joined by friends and organisations from within the co-operative, labour and trade union movements. A warm welcome to those from our subscribing societies, from other co-ops and from representative bodies including Ed Mayo from Co-operatives UK. We are particularly grateful to Co-operative Energy, Merthyr Valley Homes and the Wales Co-operative Centre for their support for different parts of the weekend.

Finally, we are just a few months away from the start of our centenary year. We have some great ideas about how we will both commemorate the past and re-found our Party for the future. I will update you on this thinking on Sunday. We will have an ideas box on the Party stand throughout the weekend - please do pop any thoughts you have on how we can mark a century of the Co-operative Party into the box before you leave.

Yours in co-operation

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Claire".

Claire McCarthy

General Secretary, the Co-operative Party

the co-operative party

Programme of Conference

Party Conference is what you make it – and at this year's Conference, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved.

Alongside the keynote speeches and panel discussions, attendees are warmly encouraged to get involved in our three policy debates by speaking and contributing from the floor. As well as the main business of Conference, there's also a full schedule of fringe events run by leading organisations from the co-operative movement, as well as training run by Party staff. An indicative programme is below, but do stay updated at Conference itself, as timings and venues are liable to change.

Friday

🕒 17:30

Arrival and registration

📍 Radisson Blu Hotel Lobby

🕒 19:30

Welcome Reception

📍 Old Library, The Hayes, CF10 1BH

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Saturday morning

🕒 09:30

Plenary I

📍 Main Hall

- Conference Arrangements Committee Report, Richard Bickle
- Civic Welcome
- Welcome from Chair of Co-operative Party NEC, Gareth Thomas MP

🕒 10:00

Keynote **John McDonnell MP**

Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer

📍 Main Hall

Fraternal greetings from
the Labour Party



🕒 10:40

Policy Debate **Building a Shared Economy**

Liv Bailey, Fabian Society; **Seema Malhotra MP**
Paul Monaghan, Fair Tax
Jennifer Tankard, Responsible Finance

📍 Main Hall

Training session A

🎓 Co-operative Party Campaigns

📍 Rosso

🎓 Co-operative Party Centenary: Local events for 2017

📍 Verde

🕒 11:55

Keynote **Chris Keates**

General Secretary, NASUWT

📍 Main Hall



🕒 12:20

Parliamentarians Q&A **What now post-Brexit?**

📍 Main Hall

Adrian Bailey MP, **Stephen Doughty MP**,
Meg Hillier MP, **Lord Kennedy** of Southwark,
Jim McMahon MP, **Christina Rees MP**,
Gavin Shaker MP (Chair, Co-operative Party
Parliamentary Group), **Anna Turley MP**

🕒 13:00 Lunch - please collect and take with you to one of the fringe events listed below

🕒 13:15

Lunchtime fringes

➤ **Where next for community energy?**

Co-operative Energy

📍 Verde

➤ **Wales: A co-operative nation**

Wales Co-operative Centre and
Co-operative Party Welsh Assembly Group

📍 Main Hall

➤ **Co-operative local leadership**

– what is it, and how do we deliver it?
Co-operative Councils Innovation Network

📍 Rosso

➤ **Councils & credit unions: the mutual benefits of co-operation'**

Association of British Credit Unions (ABCUL)

📍 Spa area

➤ **The future for co-operative social care**

Co-operatives Yorkshire and Humber

📍 Restaurant Area 3

➤ **The economics of co-operation now**

National Federation of Progressive Co-operators

📍 Bianco

Saturday afternoon

🕒 14:30

Plenary II

Keynote **Mark Drakeford AM**

Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government in the Welsh Government

📍 Main Hall



🕒 14:45

Co-operative action in local government

📍 Main Hall

Mark Drakeford AM; Cllr **Matt Brown**, Preston; Cllr **Sharon Taylor**, Stevenage; Cllr **Debbie Wilcox**, Newport

🕒 15:30

Campaigning co-operatives

📍 Main Hall

Ed Mayo, Co-operatives UK; **Nick Crofts**, the Co-op Group; **Sally Chicken**, East of England Co-operative; **Vivian Woodell**, Phone Co-op

🕒 16:15

Policy Debate **Secure and Confident Communities**

📍 Main Hall

Nic Bliss, Confederation of Co-operative Housing; **Peter Couchman**, Plunkett Foundation; **Nicola Evans**, Merthyr Valleys Homes; **Peter Holbrook**, Social Enterprise UK

Training session B

🎓 **More Effective Communications with our members and community**

📍 Rosso

🎓 **Building More Active Local Co-operative Parties**

📍 Bianco

Saturday evening

🕒 17:30

Evening fringes

➤ The mechanics and tools for developing Housing Co-operatives

Confederation of Co-operative Housing

📍 Bianco

➤ Taking control: supporting community co-ops to change lives

Plunkett Foundation

📍 Verde

➤ LGBT+ Co-operators

📍 Hotel Bar

➤ Party Support Drop-in

Including presentation by Unity Trust bank

📍 Spa area

➤ Co-operative Party BAME Network

📍 Rosso

🕒 18:30

Training session C

🎓 Standing for the Co-operative Party NEC

📍 Rosso

🕒 19:00

Co-operative Party Women's Network Reception

📍 Restaurant area 4

All women delegates, visitors and exhibitors welcome
Sponsored by Cardiff Council Labour Group

🕒 19:30 - late

Co-operative Party Youth Social

📍 Depot, Dumballs Rd CF105FE

All under-31 attendees welcome.
Meet at hotel reception at 19:00 to walk to venue.

🕒 20:00 - 23:00

Conference Dinner

📍 Main Hall

With guest speaker **Stephen Kinnock MP**

Ticketed event: email events@party.coop

Sunday

🕒 9:00

Plenary III

Policy Debate

Creating a More Equal Society

📍 Main Hall

Johann Lamont MSP;

Andrew Pakes, co-operative school governor;

Derek Walker, Wales Co-operative Centre

Training session D



My Co-operative Party: online Membership System and Support Site



Bianco



Working closer as part of the Co-operative Movement



Rosso

🕒 10:15

National Reports

📍 Main Hall

Westminster Report - **Gavin Shuker** MP

Scotland Report - **Johann Lamont** MSP

Wales Report - **Jeremy Miles** AM

Youth Report - **Stephen Brimble**, Youth Committee

Training Session E



How to become a Co-operative Councillor



Rosso

🕒 11:00

Policy Subcommittee Feedback on Conference Debates

📍 Main Hall

With Rt Hon Alun Michael, Co-operative Party NEC

🕒 11:15

Co-operative Party Ltd Annual General Meeting

📍 Main Hall



Co-operative Party Youth

Engaging and supporting young co-operators



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🕒 13:25

Conference close

■ Vote of Thanks

■ Auld Lang Syne

🕒 13:30 End of Conference

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Fringe events

➤ Where next for community energy?

Co-operative Energy

🕒 Saturday 13:15

📍 Verde

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➤ Wales: a co-operative nation

Wales Co-operative Centre and Co-operative Party Welsh Assembly Group

🕒 Saturday 13:15

📍 Main Hall


Wales **Co-operative** Centre
Canolfan Cydweithredol Cymru

➤ Co-operative local leadership – what is it, and how do we deliver it?

Co-operative Councils Innovation Network

🕒 Saturday 13:15

📍 Rosso

 **Co-operative Councils**
Innovation Network

➤ The future for co-operative social care

Co-operatives Yorkshire and Humber

🕒 Saturday 13:15

📍 Restaurant Area 3

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Yorkshire and
the Humber

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📍 Bianco

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📍 Spa Area


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📍 Bianco

 **CCH** The Confederation of
Co-operative
Housing

➤ Taking control: supporting community co-ops to change lives

Plunkett Foundation

🕒 Saturday 17:30

📍 Verde


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foundation

Training sessions

Alongside the main conference programme and fringe, this year's Conference also includes workshops and training sessions designed to ensure that Party members and officers have the skills they need to be active in our Party.

All delegates and visitors are welcome, but if you wish to attend any of the sessions, please register at www.party.coop/conference2016-training

Co-operative Party Campaigns

🕒 Saturday 10:40

📍 Rosso

Co-operative Party Centenary: Local events for 2017

🕒 Saturday 10:40

📍 Verde

Effective Communications with our Members and Communities

🕒 Saturday 16:15

📍 Rosso

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🕒 Saturday 18:30

📍 Rosso

My Co-operative Party: Online Membership System and Support Site

🕒 Sunday 09:00

📍 Bianco

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How to become a Co-operative Councillor

🕒 Sunday 10:15

📍 Rosso

Co-operative Party Youth

🕒 Sunday 11:15

Bianco



YOUTH SOCIAL 2016

the co-operative party youth social 2016

Join us for street food and ping pong at this year's youth social

Saturday 10 September 19:00-late (meet at Radisson Hotel Reception)

Depot, Construction House, Dumballs Road, Cardiff CF105FE

Co-operative Party Service Awards

The Co-operative Party Service Awards recognise the contribution of members to the Party and the movement. The following members will receive awards at Conference 2016.



Sylvia Jones

South Wales Co-operative Party

Sylvia marks fifty years as a member in 2016 but her commitment to our values and principles is as strong now as when she first joined. She was the first Labour & Co-operative councillor on Rhondda Cynon Taff and has also been active in the Co-operative Group, speaking in favour of the link with the Party at the 2015 AGM.



Chris Penberthy

Labour & Co-operative Councillor, Plymouth

Chris has played an important role in the transformation of Plymouth into one of UK's most pioneering co-operative councils. He served as Cabinet Member for Co-operatives, Housing and Community Safety and has helped support other councils as chair of CCIN's Values and Principles Board. Chris is also active in the local co-operative movement, including community energy and economic development.



Ian Miller

Scottish Co-operative Party

Ian has had a life-long commitment to promoting the co-operative ideal through a number of societies and is now a Director of Scotmid Co-operative. He has also flown the flag for co-operative politics in Scottish elections and is a former Chair of the Scottish Co-operative Party.



Lord Graham of Edmonton

Labour & Co-operative Peer and former National Secretary

Ted has been a strong champion of the Co-operative Party for more than fifty years. He served as National Secretary from 1967 to 1974 before being elected as the Labour & Co-operative MP for Edmonton and serving in government. He has been a member of the House of Lords since 1983, and was one of the few Peers to oppose the introduction of Clause 28 in 1986.



Sarah Boyack

Scottish Co-operative Party Secretary

Sarah was first elected to the Scottish Parliament in 1999 and throughout her time as an MSP sought to promote co-operative ideas and principles. She is a passionate campaigner for a better environment and amongst her many achievements has been the promotion of co-operative models in renewable energy such as the Edinburgh community Solar Co-operative



Ted Perfect

Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire & Erewash Co-operative Party

Ted has devoted a lifetime to the co-operative movement as an employee, elected member of the Co-operative Group and as an active and vocal supporter of the Party. As an officer he worked to ensure strong local links between the Party and co-op societies.



Jean Nosworthy

South West Peninsula Co-operative Party

Jean comes from a family of strong co-operators in Plymouth and was a dedicated officer in her local Party for more than forty years. She aided the creation of an active branch with one of the largest memberships in the country, helping recruit many of the city's current Labour & Co-operative councillors.

About conference

The Annual Conference is convened by the National Executive Committee (NEC). This year's conference again includes our National Training School, providing an opportunity for Party members to meet, discuss and debate matters relating to the movement, as well as to develop their own knowledge and skills.

Co-operative Party AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Co-operative Party Ltd is separate to Annual Conference but we hold the two together.

If your Party or Society has appointed you as a delegate to Conference, you will also be that organisation's delegate to the Annual Meeting. All individual members may attend the Annual Meeting, and may ask questions, but may only vote if appointed as a delegate by their local Party or Society.

The time and location of the Annual General Meeting Meeting can be found on page 8 of this guide.

Delegates and visitors

Delegates to Conference represent Societies and local Parties. We also welcome all Party members and interested members of the public as Conference Visitors, though only delegates may vote.

Catering

Lunch for delegates and visitors will be provided on Saturday. This can be collected and taken with you to fringe meetings.

Fringe and training sessions

Details of fringe events and training sessions can be found as part of the conference programme on pages 4-8. All delegates, visitors and exhibitors are welcome - you will receive an email with instructions about how to register in advance of Conference.

Accommodation

Delegates' accommodation is usually booked by the members' Party Council Secretary and may be in another venue to that of conference.

Many delegates have been booked into one of the following local hotels. Please check in advance with your party council where your accommodation has been booked.

Radisson Blu Cardiff (Conference venue)
Meridian Gate, Bute Terrace
Cardiff CF10 2FL

Park Inn by Radisson Cardiff City Centre
Mary Ann St
Cardiff CF10 2JH

YHA Cardiff Central
E Tyndall St
Cardiff
CF10 4BB

Social media

You can follow conference and contribute to the debate at on Twitter, Facebook, Vine and Instagram on [#coop16](https://twitter.com/coop16) and by mentioning [@coopparty](https://twitter.com/coopparty)

Session times

Conference sessions (as recommended by the Conference Arrangements Committee) will be held at the times below. These are the sessions with motions, debates, workshops and keynote speeches.

Saturday

09:30 -13:00, 14:30-17:30

Sunday

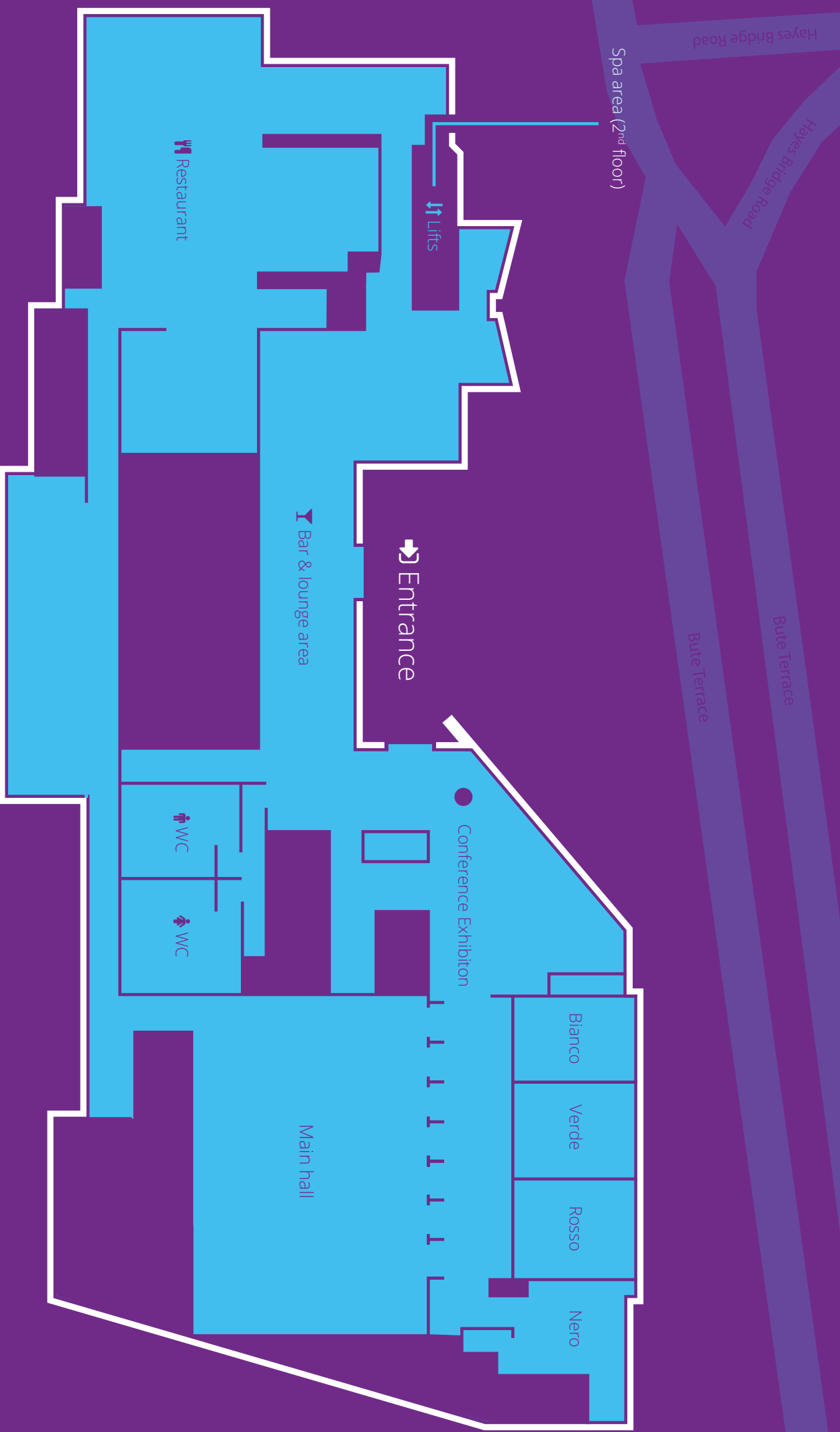
9:00 - 13:30

Help?

You can find Co-operative Party staff on the welcome desk or on the Co-operative Party stand.

Any of them will be happy to help you. If your question relates to a motion on the agenda or an emergency motion, you need to contact Shane Brogan, Secretary of the Conference Arrangements Committee.

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