



**shared economy, shared power**

**the co-operative party**  
annual conference 2016

**conference programme**

# 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

🕒 17:30-19:30

### Arrival and registration

📍 Radisson Blu Hotel Lobby

🕒 18:30

### Training session A

🎓 Briefing for first-time delegates

📍 Verde

🕒 19:30

### Welcome Reception

📍 Old Library, The Hayes, CF10 1BH

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# Saturday morning

🕒 08:30

## Registration

📍 Radisson Blu Hotel Lobby

🕒 09:30

## Plenary I

📍 Main Hall

- Civic Welcome from Leader of Cardiff City Council , Cllr Phil Bale,
- Conference Arrangements Committee Report, Richard Bickle
- 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 Mark  
Jennifer Tankard, Responsible Finance

📍 Main Hall

## Training session B

 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, Mary Honeyball MEP,  
Lord Kennedy of Southwark, Jim McMahon  
MP, Christina Rees MP, Gavin Shuker MP  
(Chair, Co-operative Party Parliamentary Group),  
Baroness Glenys Thornton, Anna Turley MP

🕒 13:00

Lunch - Food stations are outside all fringe rooms, please collect and take with you to one of the events listed below

🕒 13:15

## Lunchtime fringes

### ➤ Where next for community energy?

*Co-operative Energy*

Stephen Doughty MP (Chair); Paul Monaghan, Co-operative Energy; Cllr Helen Holland, Bristol Council

📍 Verde

### ➤ Wales: A co-operative nation

*Wales Co-operative Centre and Co-operative Party Welsh Assembly Group*  
Tasmin Stirling, Wales Co-operative Centre (Chair); Jeremy Miles AM; Andrew Bateson, Cadwyn Housing Association; Kathryn Williams, Dragons Den

📍 Rosso

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

*Co-operative Councils Innovation Network*  
Cllr Andrew Burns, Edinburgh Council (Chair); Jim McMahon MP; Chris Penberthy, Plymouth Council

📍 Main Hall

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

*Association of British Credit Unions (ABCUL)*  
Emma Hoddinott, the Co-operative Party (Chair); Matt Bland, ABCUL; Cllr Matt Strong, Preston Council; Cardiff & Vale Credit Union

📍 Spa area

### ➤ Can co-operatives care?

*Co-operatives Yorkshire and Humber*  
Cheryl Barrott, Change AGENTS; Cliff Mills, Anthony Collins Solicitors; Paul Ball, Unison; Mervyn Eastman, ChangeAGENTS

📍 Restaurant Area 3

### ➤ The economics of co-operation now

*National Federation of Progressive Co-operators*  
Meg Hillier MP (Chair); Claire McCarthy, the Co-operative Party; Marilyn Burbage, NFPC

📍 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

Cllr **Matt Brown**, Preston; **Mark Drakeford AM**;  
Cllr **Chris Herries**, Norwich;  
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 C

🎓 **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*  
Nic Bliss, CCH

📍 Bianco

➤ **LGBT+ Co-operators**

📍 Hotel Bar

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

*Plunkett Foundation*  
Lord Kennedy of Southwark (Chair); Peter Couchman, Plunkett Foundation; Faye Grima, CAMRA, Emma Hoddinott, the Co-operative Party

📍 Verde

➤ **Party Support Drop-in**

Including presentation by Unity Trust bank

📍 Spa area

➤ **Co-operative Party BAME Network**

📍 Rosso

🕒 18:30

## Training session D

🎓 **Standing for the Co-operative Party NEC**

📍 Rosso

🕒 19:15

## 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

Hosted by **Baroness Glenys Thornton**  
With guest speaker **Stephen Kinnock MP**  
Ticketed event: email [events@party.coop](mailto:events@party.coop)

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# Sunday

🕒 9:00

## Plenary III

### Policy Debate Creating a More Equal Society

📍 Main Hall

**Johann Lamont** MSP; **Andrew Pakes**, co-operative school governor; **Baroness Glenys Thornton**; **Frank Villeneuve-Smith** Hackney Community Transport; **Derek Walker**, Wales Co-operative Centre

## Training session E

🎓 **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 F

🎓 **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

## Keynote **Jonathan Ashworth** MP

Shadow Minister without Portfolio

📍 Main Hall

🕒 11:30

## Co-operative Party Ltd Annual General Meeting

Including organisational motions and rule changes

📍 Main Hall

## Training Session G

🎓 **Co-operative Party Youth**

Engaging and supporting young co-operators

📍 Bianco

🕒 13:25

## Conference close

- Announcement of CAC ballot result and other card votes
- Vote of Thanks
- Auld Lang Syne

🕒 13:30 End of Conference

# 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](http://www.party.coop/conference2016-training)

## Briefing for first-time delegates

 Friday 18:30

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## Co-operative Party Campaigns

 Saturday 10:40

 Rosso

## Co-operative Party Centenary: Local events for 2017

 Saturday 10:40

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## Effective Communications with our Members and Communities

 Saturday 16:15

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 Rosso

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# Fringe events

## ➤ Where next for community energy?

Co-operative Energy

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## ➤ Wales: a co-operative nation

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

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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

📍 Main Hall

 **Co-operative Councils**  
Innovation Network

## ➤ The future for co-operative social care

Co-operatives Yorkshire and Humber

🕒 Saturday 13:15

📍 Restaurant Area 3

CO-OPERATIVES  
  
Yorkshire and  
the Humber

## ➤ The economics of co-operation now

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National Federation of Progressive Co-operators  


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

Association of British Credit Unions Limited (ABCUL)

🕒 Saturday 13:15

📍 Spa Area

  
Association of British Credit Unions Limited

## ➤ The mechanics and tools for developing Housing Co-operatives

Confederation of Co-operative Housing

🕒 Saturday 17:30

📍 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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# Conference Evaluation

Please rate the following elements of Conference, where 1 is you agree strongly and 5 is you disagree strongly:

	1	2	3	4	5	n/a
<b>Conference arrangements</b>						
The Conference materials were clear, relevant and helpful.						
The main hall was a suitable venue for Conference.						
The fringe/training rooms and other facilities were suitable.						
There were enough opportunities to network with other attendees.						

<b>Conference sessions</b>						
I felt I was able to contribute to Conference sessions.						
There was a good variety of contributions.						
I enjoyed the policy debates.						
I enjoyed the keynote speeches.						
I enjoyed the fringe sessions.						
I enjoyed the training workshops.						
I enjoyed the AGM.						
I enjoyed the panel sessions.						
I found the market place useful.						

<b>After Conference</b>						
I now know more about the Co-operative Party.						
I now know more about the co-operative movement.						
I now hope to get more involved in my local Co-operative Party.						
Overall I enjoyed Conference and found it interesting and engaging.						
I would recommend attending Conference to a friend						

*Please turn over*



# Conference Evaluation

Was this your first time attending Conference?                      Yes                      No

Are you attending as a:                      Delegate                      Visitor                      Ex-officio

What was your favourite session at Conference?

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What was your least favourite session at Conference?

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What would you suggest to make next year's Conference better?

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Any other comments or feedback?

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Thanks for your feedback - Please hand this to a steward before leaving.

