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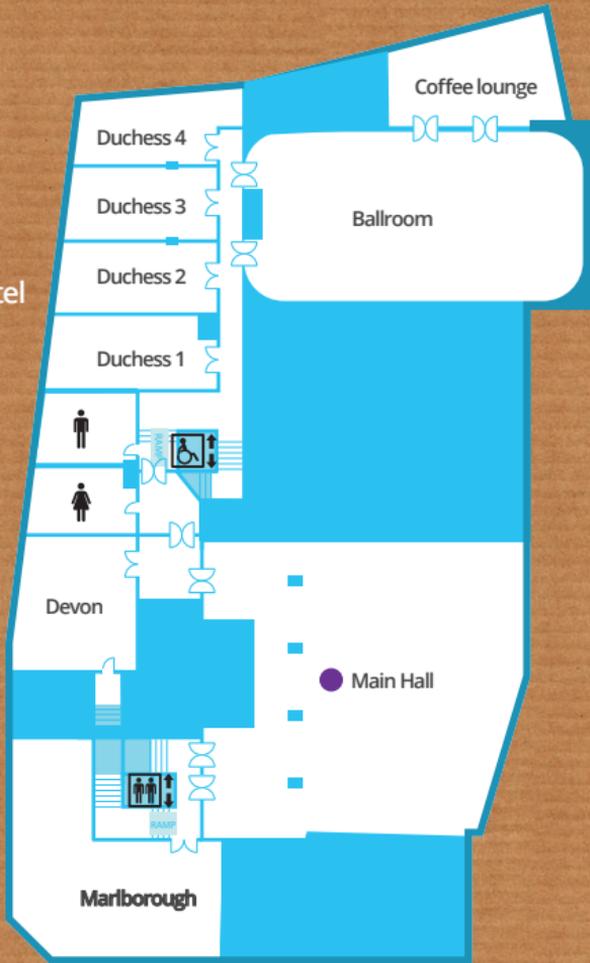
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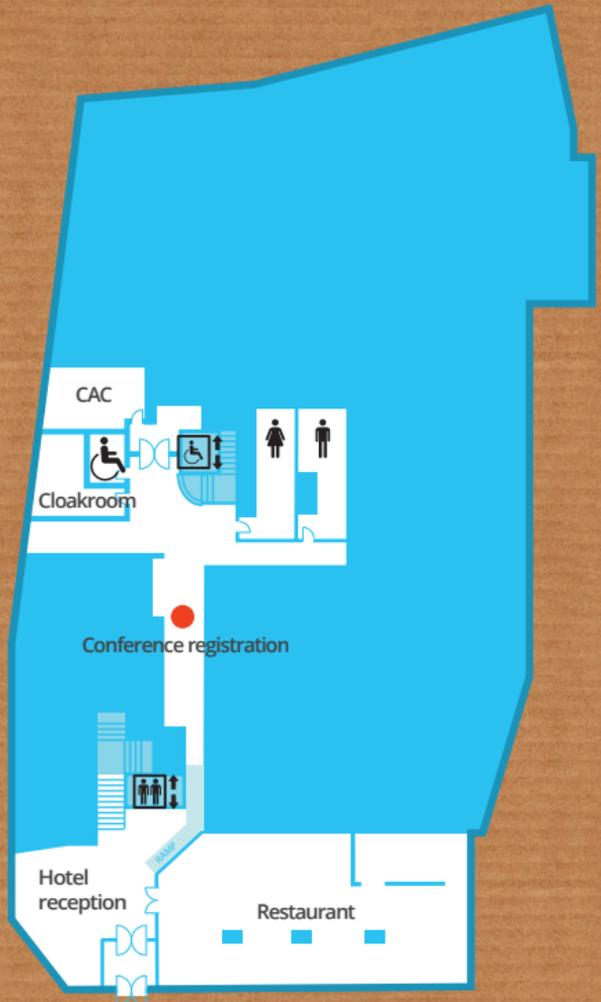
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## FLOOR 2



## FLOOR 1



# IT'S YOUR CONFERENCE

This year's conference programme is designed around opportunities to debate ideas, participate in Q&As, learn new skills and to get more involved in shaping your Party. This guide, along with the accompanying Delegate Handbook (if you are a delegate), contains everything you need to take part.

## **CORE PROGRAMME**

Head straight here for details and timings of all the plenaries, fringes, 'Unleashed' sessions and other networking and social opportunities over the weekend.

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## **MARKETPLACE**

Over 20 local and national organisations (including many co-operatives) are exhibiting this year. We've got a full list, including contact details so you can follow up.

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## **BRING YOUR IDEAS**

Our 'Ideas' session is your opportunity to pitch your ideas for doubling the size of the co-op economy. Find out how to take part by developing your ideas and submitting them in advance.

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## **UNLEASHED SESSIONS**

'Unleashed' sessions are all about bringing you up to speed with a new issue, campaign or other area of the Party's work, giving you the chance to take it forward.

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# WELCOME



**CLAIRE MCCARTHY**  
General Secretary

Welcome to conference 2018.  
Thank you for joining us for what  
should be a great weekend.

The Co-operative Party is unashamedly ambitious for the co-operative movement. We believe that a substantially larger co-operative sector in the UK is critical to building an economy where wealth and power are shared; and where the rewards for hard work are distributed more fairly.

That is why earlier this year we commissioned the New Economics Foundation think tank to do an independent report setting out a roadmap for doubling the size of the co-operative sector. Their report *Co-operatives Unleashed: Doubling the Size of the UK's Co-operative Sector* sets out a radical but practical way forward.

It has been exciting over the last few months to see the ideas in the NEF report being debated and adopted beyond the co-operative movement, including in the recent proposals from the Commission for Economic Justice. The power of collective ownership is coming into the mainstream—it is being unleashed.

It is that sense of radical, yet practical, ambition that is our inspiration as a Party, and is at the heart of

this year's conference. We want our delegates, visitors, speakers and other participants to come to the event ready to think big for our Party and our movement and to leave on Sunday inspired and equipped to make change happen.

During the course of the weekend, we will also have an important discussion about Britain's future relationship with the European Union. The NEC want to hear the views of you, our members, on the critical issues that are set to shape the future of our country for years to come.

It's an exciting time for our party and our movement and I look forward to a great weekend together.

Yours in co-operation,

*Clawie*

# Welcome to Bristol

## Greetings to Conference from Bristol Co-operative Party

We're proud to support this year's Welcome Reception, Women's Network lunch, BAME members' breakfast and Youth & LGBT+ socials.

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Bristol

## FRIDAY

🕒 16:00 REGISTRATION OPEN

🕒 19:00

### Welcome reception

📍 Ballroom

🕒 19:45

### Regional delegations meet-up

📍 Ballroom

🕒 20:15

### \* Co-operative Party Youth social

All members aged 30 or under welcome

📍 Meet at hotel reception

🕒 20:30

### Evening entertainment

Dramatic performance by

'Three Acres and a Cow'

📍 Ballroom

## SATURDAY

🕒 8:00 REGISTRATION OPEN

🕒 08:30

### FRINGE

### \* Brexit breakfast with Andrew Adonis and Eloise Todd: making the case for a #finalsay

Best for Britain

📍 Duchess 1 and 2

🕒 09:30

### 'UNLEASHED' SESSION

### \* New delegate training

📍 Devon

🕒 10:00

## Opening session

- 📍 Main hall
- CAC Report
- Chair's welcome
- Civic Welcome

🕒 10:35

## Unleashed: Ideas to double the size of the UK's co-operative sector

See page 20 for information about taking part

🕒 11:15

Policy debate

## Britain's relationship with the European Union

Part of the 2018 policy consultation process

See delegate handbook for information

🕒 12:30

Keynote

## Vaughan Gething AM

Welsh Government Cabinet Secretary  
for Health and Social Services

🕒 12:45 **LUNCH** Served in Marlborough, Ballroom and fringes

🕒 13:00

### FRINGES

#### \* Promoting Community-led Housing: A key role for Local Authorities

Co-operative Councils Innovation Network

📍 Devon

#### \* A responsible Energy Market; price caps, community energy and smart meters

Co-operative Energy

📍 Main Hall

\* **People and Purpose: how co-ops and social enterprises are tackling the productivity puzzle**

Social Enterprise UK

📍 **Duchess 1**

\* **Securing Our Schools: A co-operative future**

NASUWT

📍 **Duchess 2**

\* **Hold the Peoples' Bus**

Scottish Co-operative Party & Unite Scotland

📍 **Duchess 3**

\* **Democratic Public Ownership for the 21st Century**

CWU

📍 **Duchess 4**

🕒 **14:15**

Keynote and Q&A

**Rebecca Long-Bailey MP**

Shadow Business Secretary

🕒 **14:45**

**Reports**

Hear more about the Party's work at all levels of government across the UK

- Johann Lamont MSP—Scotland
- Mick Antoniw AM—Wales
- Jim McMahon MP—Westminster

🕒 **15:00**

Parliamentarians Q&A

**Co-operative politics unleashed: priorities for future action**

A panel of our Labour & Co-operative MPs and peers will be taking your questions.

🕒 15:45

## Unleashed: the new co-operative movement

Meet a new generation of co-operatives who are expanding the co-operative movement into new and innovative areas of business and the economy.

With contributions from:

- Outlandish digital agency
- Blake House Filmmakers' Co-operative
- Student Co-operative Housing

🕒 16:45

### 'UNLEASHED' SESSION

#### \* Representing the Co-operative Party as a CLP delegate or candidate

📍 Duchess 1

#### \* Local campaigning

📍 Duchess 2

#### \* Being a co-operative councillor

📍 Duchess 3

#### \* Co-operative values in health and social care

📍 Duchess 4

#### \* Community Wealth

With the Centre for Local Economic Strategies

📍 Main Hall

#### \* Doubling the Co-op Economy—building a growth infrastructure

With the Development Co-operative

📍 Devon

🕒 17:00

## Deadline for emergency motions and CAC ballot

🕒 17:45 CLOSE

🕒 18:00

#### FRINGE

### \* Going for co-operatives' growth

National Federation of Progressive Co-operators

📍 Devon

🕒 18:00

### \* Disability forum

📍 Duchess 2

🕒 19:00

### \* LGBT+ Co-operators' social

Meet at hotel reception

🕒 20:30

### Conference Party

📍 Main hall

Live music, disco, awards, speaker and raffle.

📌 **Ticket required** (Included with most Conference passes. Please see welcome desk if unsure.)

## SUNDAY

🕒 08:30

### \* BAME Members' Breakfast

Breakfast meeting of BAME (Black, Asian, and minority ethnic) party members

📍 Duchess 1 and 2

🕒 9:00-12:30

#### 'UNLEASHED' SESSION

### \* Drop in clinic for party officers

With John Boyle, Party Support Officer

📍 Co-operative Party stall

🕒 9:30

Keynote

## Marvin Rees

Mayor of Bristol

🕒 9:45

Policy debate

## An economy where wealth and power are shared

Part of the 2018 policy consultation process

🕒 11:00

Keynote

## Paddy Lillis

General Secretary, USDAW

🕒 11:15

## Co-operative Party AGM

Open to delegates and Party members only

- including Annual report and accounts for 2017

Organisational motions and rule changes

Emergency motions

CAC election results

## \* Youth housing policy discussion

Co-operative Party Youth

📍 Duchess 1 and 2

🕒 13:15

## Co-operative Party Youth Report

- Vote of thanks

🕒 13:30 CLOSE OF CONFERENCE

🕒 13:30

## \* Co-operative Party Women's Network working lunch

Open to all conference attendees who identify as female

📍 Marlborough

# MARKETPLACE

Over 20 organisations will be joining us this year, including our subscribing societies and friends from the wider co-operative and labour movements.

## Marlborough Room



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### CO-OPERATIVE PARTY

Visit the Party stand for guides and campaign materials, party merchandise, to submit emergency motions and to cast your CAC vote.



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 [www.website.org](http://www.website.org)  
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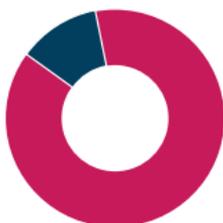
 [www.bristolcooperativegym.org](http://www.bristolcooperativegym.org)  
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**CCH** The Confederation of  
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### CONFEDERATION OF CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING (CCH)

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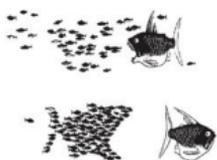
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 [www.coopfinance.coop](http://www.coopfinance.coop)  
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## CO-OPERATIVES UK

[www.uk.coop](http://www.uk.coop)  
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## RADICAL ROUTES

[www.radicalroutes.org.uk](http://www.radicalroutes.org.uk)  
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## TRANSFORM DRUG POLICY FOUNDATION

[www.tdpf.org.uk](http://www.tdpf.org.uk)  
[TransformDrugs](https://twitter.com/TransformDrugs)



## WESTCOUNTRY SAVINGS AND LOANS

[www.westcountry.org.uk](http://www.westcountry.org.uk)  
[westcountrysl](https://twitter.com/westcountrysl)



## LABOUR ACTION FOR PEACE

[www.labour-peace-action.org.uk](http://www.labour-peace-action.org.uk)

## Ballroom

[Bamboo Coffee](http://www.bamboocoffee.co.uk)

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# INFORMATION

Here's an overview of all of the key logistical information for the weekend. If you need anything not mentioned here, please get in touch in advance, or visit the Party desk when you arrive.

## Venue

 **Mercure Bristol Grand Hotel**  
Broad St, Bristol BS1 2EL  
 Bristol Temple Meads

## Co-operative Party AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Co-operative Party Ltd will be held at 11:15 on Sunday 14th October.

While all members are entitled to attend, only delegate passholders may vote at the AGM.

## Welcome reception and Saturday Party

Friday and Saturday night's programme includes socials for the enjoyment of Party members. Please note that Saturday's event replaces the Conference dinner held in previous years, and food will **not** be available. Attendees are advised to make their own dinner arrangements, either individually or in conjunction with other delegates from their local party.

Most Conference passes include entry to the Saturday night Party, and if so, you will have received a ticket enclosed with your Conference pass. If you are unsure, please contact the welcome desk.

## Social media

You can follow conference and contribute to the debate on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram on [#coop18](#) [#coopsunleashed](#) and by mentioning [@coopparty](#)

## Pass types

### Visitors

Visitors are Party members or members of the public attending Conference in an individual capacity. Visitors are entitled to attend all parts of Conference apart from the AGM. They may not participate in votes, and speak on the Conference floor only at the Chair's discretion.

### Delegates

Delegates attend on behalf of local Co-operative Party Councils and affiliated organisations. They are entitled to attend and vote in the Party AGM on the Sunday morning of Conference, and receive priority when speaking in debates on the Conference floor.

### Ex-officio

Ex-officio attendees are official Co-operative Party elected representatives such as MPs, MSPs, AMs and Councillors, as well as members of Committees such as the NEC and CAC. Ex-officio attendees may speak but have no voting powers unless also appointed as a delegate.

## Catering

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

## Accommodation

If you are attending Conference as a delegate, your Party Council or Society Secretary will normally have arranged your accommodation. Visitors should make their own arrangements.

Delegates who have had their accommodation arranged through the Co-operative Party will have a room reserved at either the Mercure Bristol Grand Hotel (the main conference venue) or the Mercure Brigstow Hotel, which is a 5 minute walk away. You can find information about which hotel you are staying in in your 'Welcome to Conference' email.

### **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 10:00 -12:45, 14:15-17:45**

**Sunday 9:30 - 13:30**

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# AWARDS

The last 12 months have been a busy and successful year for the Co-operative Party.

However all of this is only possible due the energy and commitment of the members who support and develop our Party as branch officers, delegates and elected representatives. The Co-operative Party Recognition Awards are a small way that we can say thank you to the work of these activists. We know we can't give an award to everyone who deserves it, but we hope that by highlighting some of our members, we can raise awareness and show appreciation for the great work done by all our members.

This year's Recognition Awards are presented to both longstanding members of the Party, as well as those who have joined more recently and are already making an impact.

**Cathy Peattie**

**Frank Jackson**

**Bala Nair**

**Cllr Doina Cornell**

**Lynda MacDermott**

**Michael Bell**

If you would like to nominate someone to receive a Recognition Award at next year's Conference, please email [membership@party.coop](mailto:membership@party.coop)

# BRING YOUR IDEAS

At last year's General Election, Labour & Co-operative MPs stood on an ambitious pledge to double the size of the co-operative sector under a future Labour government. At this year's Conference we're asking you to share your ideas to make that pledge a reality.

In July, the New Economics Foundation (NEF) published '*Co-operatives Unleashed: Doubling the Size of the UK's co-operative sector*', which was commissioned by the Party and which sets out some key policies a future government could implement. Saturday morning of Conference is your chance to share your own ideas, thoughts and reflections too.

## HOW TO SHARE YOUR IDEAS

- Visit [www.party.coop/policy/new/doubling](http://www.party.coop/policy/new/doubling)
- Read our summary of the policy ideas that have been developed by NEF, and spend some time thinking about your own ideas and experiences.
- Use the online form to fill in a brief summary of your own ideas and suggestions
- Come to conference prepared to present your ideas if chosen from the Conference floor



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# UNLEASHED SESSIONS

A new feature of this year's Conference programme are our 'Unleashed' sessions. These sessions explore the latest policy ideas, upcoming campaigns and other areas of the Party's work.

The sessions run as part of the main Conference programme, and are open to all conference attendees. There's no need to register for a particular session in advance - just turn up and get involved

## \* **New delegate training**

All first-time delegates to Conference are strongly encouraged to attend this session, which will bring you up to speed on how to get involved in policy debates and the AGM, and how things like voting work. Not-so-new delegates who would find a refresher helpful are also very welcome!

📍 **Devon**

🕒 **Saturday 09:30**

## \* **Representing the Co-operative Party as a CLP delegate or candidate**

If you are a Co-operative delegate to your local Labour GC or LCF, this one's for you. Learn all about how to make the most of your role and how to provide a strong voice for Co-operative ideas in your own CLP.

📍 **Duchess 1**

🕒 **Saturday 16:45**

## \* **Local campaigning**

Co-operative Party Campaigns Officer James Butler will be giving you a sneak peak at the Party's upcoming campaigns, along with a full briefing on the latest online and offline organising and campaigning techniques.

📍 **Duchess 2**

🕒 **Saturday 16:45**

### \* **Being a co-operative councillor**

So you've become a Labour & Co-operative councillor - now what? Local Government Officer Emma Hoddinott will be sharing useful tips and examples of co-operative policies and activity that you can take forward in your community.

📍 **Duchess 3**

🕒 **Saturday 16:45**

### \* **Health and Social Care**

The ongoing crisis in social care and the NHS remains at the top of the political agenda, and in coming months we will be working to put co-operative solutions at the forefront. Share your ideas and experiences, and brainstorm solutions with Policy Officer Anna Birley

📍 **Duchess 4**

🕒 **Saturday 16:45**

### \* **Community Wealth**

The Centre for Local Economic Strategies (CLES) will be leading a session where we explore the 'community wealth' model, which, pioneered by co-operative councillors, has achieved widespread attention. Learn more about what it is (and isn't), and how to bring these ideas to your area.

📍 **Wessex**

🕒 **Saturday 16:45**

### \* **Doubling the Co-op Economy - building a growth infrastructure**

Alex Bird of consultancy the Development Co-operative will be looking at the steps we can take to grow the worker co-operative sector, which is currently under-developed in the UK compared to other countries.

📍 **Devon**

🕒 **Saturday 16:45**

### \* **Drop-in clinic for party officers**

If you need any help or clarification pertaining to your role as a Party officer do visit the Party Support Officer, John Boyle, who is available to assist

📍 **Party stand**

🕒 **Sunday 09:00-12:30**

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