



**co-operative  
party**

# **common decency**

**Conference programme**



# #CommondeAgency

## Saturday

📍 **Amnesty International**  
**Human Rights Action Centre**  
**25 New Inn Yard**  
**London**  
**EC2A 3EA**

🕒 **9:00 Registration open**

🕒 **10:00**



Welcome

**Gareth Thomas MP**

(Labour & Co-operative)  
Chair of the Co-operative Party

🕒 **10:15**



Keynote

**Lord Bob Kerslake**

Former Head of the Home Civil  
Service and Permanent Secretary for  
Communities and Local Government

🕒 **10:45**

Plenary

### ▶ **Food justice**

- **Clr Malcolm Clark**, Lambeth Council and Lambeth Food Partnership
- **Lindsay Levkoff Lynn**, Foodcycle
- **Imogen Richmond-Bishop**, Sustain

🕒 **11:45**

### **Food Justice Campaign Launch**

Join us for the launch of the Party's new campaign to secure access to affordable, healthy food for all (see right sidebar for details)

🕒 12:00

Break out sessions

## ➤ 1. **Secure housing**

- **Greg Beales**, Shelter
- **Tom Copley AM**, Greater London Authority
- **Victoria Slade**, Merthyr Valleys Homes

## ➤ 2. **Decent work**

- **Les Bayliss**, Community the Union
- **Phillip Glanville**, Mayor of Hackney
- **Anna Thomas**, Institute for the Future of Work

## 🕒 13:15 Packed lunch & networking

🕒 14:15

Keynote

### **Meg Hillier MP**

(Labour & Co-operative)  
Chair, Public Accounts Committee



🕒 14:45

Plenary

## ➤ **Financial resilience**

- **Anneliese Dodds MP**, (Labour & Co-operative)  
Shadow Treasury Minister
- **Martin Groombridge**, London Capital Credit Union
- **Joe Lane**, Citizens Advice
- **Seema Malhotra MP** (Labour & Co-operative)  
Member of Financial Inclusion Commission

## 🕒 16:00 Conference close

🕒 16:30

LGBT+ Co-operators fringe

### **Homelessness in the LGBT+ community**

All self-defining Co-operative Party members are welcome to join this meeting to mark LGBT+ History Month

campaign for  
**food  
justice**

Today the Co-operative Party launches its **Food Justice Campaign**. We will be working with communities and local authorities to draw attention to the **growing crisis**; and to **champion practical and policy solutions at both the national and local levels**.

We'll be working to draw together best practice from around the country, alongside the knowledge and experience of people working on food poverty.

There is a positive contribution that co-operators can make locally, and change we can campaign for nationally, as we work to build a decent society we can be proud of – one where nobody goes hungry.

For more information about the campaign and to get involved, visit

**[www.party.coop/foodjustice](http://www.party.coop/foodjustice)**

# taking it forward

Feeling inspired? Here are some of the other opportunities coming up to get more involved in the Party and its work.

## Policy process 2019

Our annual policy process gives members and local parties the chance to shape the Co-operative Party's position on key issues by sharing their ideas and experiences.

This year members have the opportunity to contribute in two areas:

- Community, place and power
- Climate change, energy and environment

Submissions made by members over the year form the starting point for debates at regional conferences throughout the year and at National Conference, which is held in October.

### How to have your say

- Respond individually to the consultations via our online questionnaire.
- Attend a local policy event organised by your local Co-operative Party Branch

The consultation process runs until Monday 17 June 2019. For more information and to make a submission, visit:

[www.party.coop/policy/new](http://www.party.coop/policy/new)

## Be a co-operative councillor

Applications for May 2019 elections are currently open. For information and to apply, visit:

[www.party.coop/local](http://www.party.coop/local)

## Dates for your diary

### 🕒 23 March

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#### Co-operative Party at People's Vote March

📍 Park Lane, London

### 🕒 08 June

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#### Co-operative Party Local Government Conference

📍 Newcastle

### 🕒 March-July

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#### Unleashed: Co-operative Party regional and national conferences

📍 Across the UK (see website)

### 🕒 11-13 October

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#### Co-operative Party Annual Conference 2019

📍 Glasgow