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Co-operative Party Conference 2022

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WELCOME TO CONFERENCE

We warmly welcome you to our first in-person Conference since 2019. We are delighted to be seeing members new and old coming together once again for our annual showcase of co-operative politics.

This winter will be a difficult one for many across the UK. We are seeing the impact of the cost-of-living crisis across our communities, as the energy crisis adds pressure to families already dealing with the crisis of food insecurity. Meanwhile, our NHS faces a winter crisis like never before, and communities across the world continue to deal with the disastrous effects of the climate crisis.

But while these many crises weigh heavily, we know that our movement has the ideas and ambition to meet the moment. 'From Crisis to Co-operation' will see speakers and experts from across our movement examine and address how we, as co-operators, have solutions to help our communities through this period and to build a better, more co-operative Britain.

As always, our Annual Conference brings together hundreds of members and supporters from across the co-operative and labour movements to learn more about our work, help shape Party policy and discuss our priorities and campaigns. Co-operative Party Conference belongs to our members, whether you are attending Conference as an experienced delegate or a visitor pass holder joining us for the first time. Don't be shy! Get involved: all our guests are encouraged to participate in debates, Q&As, fringes, campaigning sessions as well as attending our Saturday evening's Conference Reception – with achievement awards and a raffle. Plus take time to visit our marketplace and hear from our stall holders who represent co-ops and community businesses from Yorkshire and across the UK.

We hope you have a wonderful time here in Leeds, and if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact a member of staff.

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Venue

This year's conference will take place at the Queens Hotel in Leeds on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th October 2022. Leeds Train Station is adjacent to the hotel with its own private entrance direct from the station concourse. Leeds Bus and Coach Station is also a short walk from the hotel.

Conference Accreditation

Visitors and delegates can pick up their Conference accreditation from 8.30am on Saturday 8 October in the hotel Conference registration area. Please bring ID in order to receive your pass.

During Conference plenary, Conference delegates have speaking and voting rights, ex-officios can speak but not vote, and those with visitors passes are able to speak with the discretion of the Chair, with priority given to delegates.

Accessibility

We have worked with the Conference hotel to provide an inclusive and accessible Conference venue for all. Our staff understand that everyone is different, and are dedicated to making this event run smoothly for everyone. Do let us know if you have any special requirements by emailing events@party.coop.

Catering

Lunch for delegates and visitors will be provided on Saturday in the Palm Court room, near the Conference Marketplace.

Social media

We encourage attendees to contribute on social media using the hashtag **#CoopConf22** and mentioning **@CoopParty**.

SATURDAY PROGRAMME

 **08:30** **Registration opens**

 **11:00** **Plenary begins**

CAC report

 Queen's Ballroom

 **11:05**

Chair's Welcome: Jim McMahon MP

 Queen's Ballroom

 **11:20**

Keynote: Rachel Reeves MP, Shadow Chancellor

 Queen's Ballroom

 **11:45**

Keynote: First Minister of Wales Mark Drakeford MS

 Queen's Ballroom

 **12:00**

Panel: Doubling the size of the co-operative sector

 Queen's Ballroom

 **12:45-14:15** **Lunch**

 Palm Court (Marketplace)

Lunchtime Fringes

Fringe: Fair Tax Foundation

📖 Queen's Ballroom

Backing fair tax and tackling dirty money in the UK: why the time for local action and national reform is now.

Fringe: Social Enterprise UK

📖 Arc Royal (First Floor)

Can co-operatives and social enterprises save the future of work?

Fringe: Cwmpas

📖 John Charles 2 & 3 (Ground Floor)

How can the co-operative movement promote our model and can new legislative rights help increase the number of worker buyouts across the UK.

Fringe: Fair Game

📖 Queen's Grill (Lower Ground Floor)

Campaigning for meaningful change in professional football and the communities they serve.

Lunch will also be available to collect from this room.

Fringe: Community Energy UK

📖 John Charles 1 (Ground floor)

How community energy can help us overcome the energy crisis.

🕒 14:30

Keynote 2: Lisa Nandy MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Levelling-Up, Housing and Communities

📖 Queen's Ballroom

Followed by Q&A chaired by Emma Hoddinott, Assistant General Secretary of the Co-operative Party.

🕒 15:00

Panel: Co-operation In Power

📖 Queen's Ballroom


🕒 16:00

Panel: From Crisis to Co-operation

📖 Queen's Ballroom

🕒 17:00 **Plenary ends**


Campaigning Sessions

 **17:15-18:00**

A More Democratic Media

 Arc Royal (First Floor)

Food Justice

 John Charles 2 & 3 (Ground Floor)

Implementing Local Manifestos

 Queen's Grill (Lower Ground Floor)

 **18:00-18:45**

The Great Homes Upgrade

 Arc Royal (First Floor)

High Streets

 John Charles 2 & 3 (Ground Floor)

Community Power

 Queen's Grill (Lower Ground Floor)

EVENING RECEPTION AND AWARDS

Saturday 8th October | 20:30 | Queen's Ballroom

Featuring guest speaker **Jonathan Reynolds MP**, Shadow Secretary of State for Business & Industrial Strategy.

This is your chance to meet and network with fellow-minded co-operators from across the UK.

Our evening reception will feature a bar, raffle and the handing out of our achievement awards, recognising the commitment and achievements of Co-operative Party members in their communities and in politics.

Don't forget to bring some cash to take part in this year's raffle – being held to honour the memory of friend Robin Cherney – with donations to his favourite charities

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SUNDAY PROGRAMME

🕒 09:00

Training Event for Party Council Chairs and Secretaries

📖 John Charles 2

🕒 10:00 Plenary Opens

🕒 10:00

Welcome from Joe Fortune, General Secretary of the Co-operative Party

📖 Queen's Ballroom

🕒 10:10

Policy Debate 1: Health

📖 Queen's Ballroom

Speakers including Shadow Secretary of State for Health and Social Care Wes Streeting MP

🕒 11:30

Keynote: Azeem Rafiq, Ex-Yorkshire Cricketer and Equalities Campaigner

📖 Queen's Ballroom

 **11:45**

Report on the inaugural Building Equalities for All Conference

 Queen's Ballroom

Delivered by Equalities Committee Youth Member Tina Bhartwas

 **11:50**

Policy Debate 2: International Development

 Queen's Ballroom

Speakers including Preet Kaur Gill MP, Shadow Secretary of State for International Development

 **13:05**

Update: Sir Mark Hendrick MP on the Co-operatives, Mutuals and Friendly Societies Bill

 Queen's Ballroom

 **13:10**

Conference Business

 Queen's Ballroom

Including organisational and emergency motions, policy votes, membership subscription and CAC election.

 **14:00 End of Conference**

MARKETPLACE

Explore our Conference Marketplace in the Palm Court on the Ground Floor.

1. Social Enterprise UK

🌐 socialenterprise.org.uk

🐦 [@SocialEnt_UK](https://twitter.com/SocialEnt_UK)

2. Fair Tax Foundation

🌐 fairtaxmark.net

🐦 [@FairTaxMark](https://twitter.com/FairTaxMark)

3. Co-operatives UK

🌐 uk.coop

🐦 [@cooperativesuk](https://twitter.com/cooperativesuk)

4. Labour Animal Welfare Society

🌐 labouranimalwelfaresociety.org

🐦 [@LabourAnimals](https://twitter.com/LabourAnimals)

5. Labour Women's Network

🌐 lwn.org.uk

🐦 [@LabourWomensNet](https://twitter.com/LabourWomensNet)

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CO-OPERATIVES UK



6. European Movement UK

🌐 europeanmovement.co.uk

🐦 [@euromove](https://twitter.com/euromove)



7. Cwmpas

🌐 cwmpas.coop

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8. Midcounties Co-operative

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9. Co-operative Party Stall

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🐦 [@CoopParty](https://twitter.com/CoopParty)



10. Principle 5, Sheffield

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11. Lambeth GP Co-op

🌐 lambeth.gpfoodcoop.org.uk

🐦 [@GPFoodCoop](https://twitter.com/GPFoodCoop)



12. Incredible Edible

🌐 incredibleedible.org.uk

🐦 [@IncEdNetwork](https://twitter.com/IncEdNetwork)



13. Fair Game

🌐 fairgameuk.org

🐦 [@FairGameUK](https://twitter.com/FairGameUK)



14. Seagull ReUse Paint

🌐 seagullsreuse.org.uk

🐦 [@SeagullsPaint](https://twitter.com/SeagullsPaint)



15. Community Energy England

🌐 communityenergyengland.org

🐦 [@Comm1nrg](https://twitter.com/Comm1nrg)



16. Wortley Hall

🌐 wortleyhall.org.uk

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17. The Sewing Rooms

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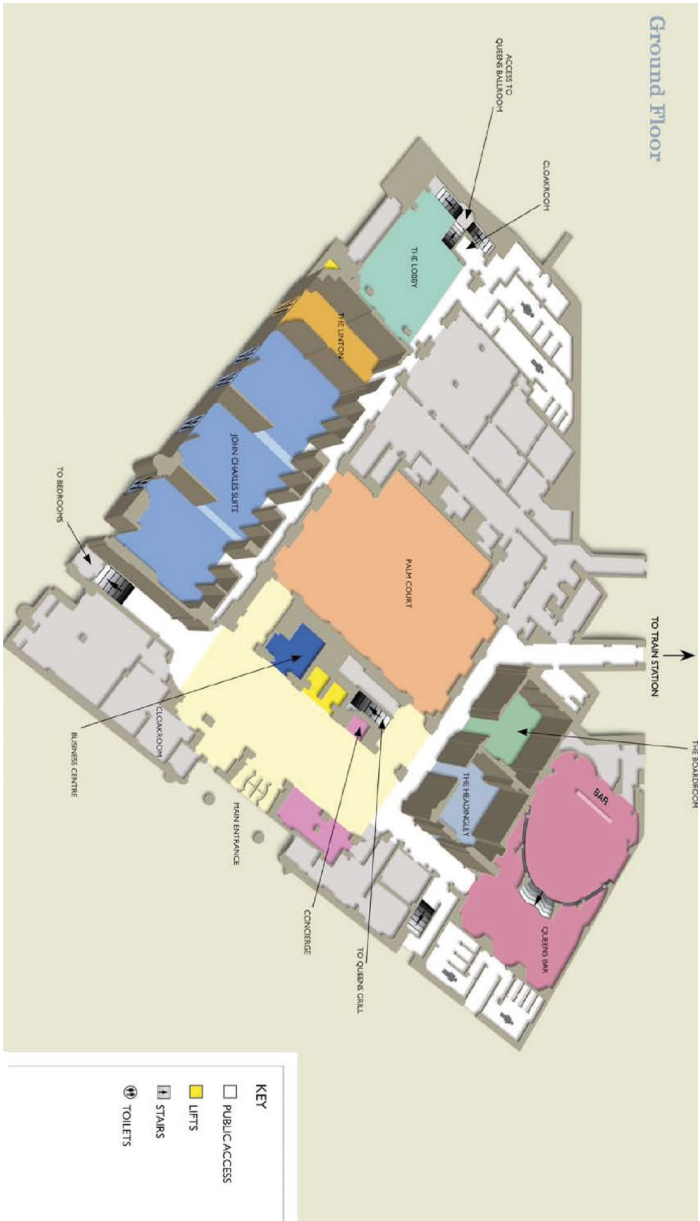


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