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FROM CRISIS

TO CO-OPERATION

Co-operative Party Conference 2022

**CONFERENCE
GUIDE**

Annual 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, and 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 Morning plenary begins

🕒 11:00

CAC report

📖 Queen's Ballroom

Delivered by Peter Smith, Chair of CAC

🕒 11:02

Welcome to Leeds

📖 Queen's Ballroom

Delivered by Cllr Abi Marshall-Katung, NEC Member for Yorkshire & Humber

🕒 11:05

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

📖 Queen's Ballroom

🕒 11:20

Keynote: Rachel Reeves MP, Shadow Chancellor

📖 Queen's Ballroom

Followed by Q&A chaired by Jim McMahon MP, Chair of the Co-operative Party

 11:45

Address: Paddy Lillis, General Secretary of USDAW

 Queen's Ballroom

Pre-recorded address from General Secretary of the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers.

 11:50

Panel: Doubling the size of the co-operative sector

 Queen's Ballroom

Panellist include:

- Rose Marley, Co-operatives UK
- Derek Walker, Cwmpas
- Carl Taylor, Redditch Co-op Homes
- Dorothy Francis, CASE

 12:45 **Morning plenary ends**

 12:45-14:30

Lunch

 Palm court

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

 14:30 Afternoon Plenary begins

 14:30

Keynote: First Minister of Wales Mark Drakeford MS

 Queen's Ballroom

Delivered virtually live to Conference, followed by a Q&A.

 14:45

Panel: Co-operation In Power

 Queen's Ballroom

 15:30

Chair's Report: Jim McMahon MP

 Queen's Ballroom

Followed by Q&A

 16:00

Panel: From Crisis to Co-operation

 Queen's Ballroom

 17:00 Afternoon plenary ends

Campaigning Sessions

🕒 17:15-18:00

Food Justice

📖 Arc Royal (First Floor)

Implementing Local Manifestos

📖 John Charles 2 & 3 (Ground Floor)

🕒 18:00-18:45

The Great Homes Upgrade

📖 Arc Royal (First Floor)

Reviving High Streets and Empowering Local Communities

📖 John Charles 2 & 3 (Ground Floor)

🕒 18:45 Meetings end

🕒 20:30

Evening reception and awards, sponsored by Social Enterprise UK

📖 Queen's Ballroom

For full details, see overleaf.

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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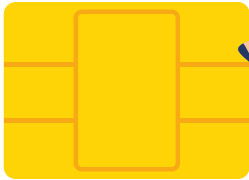
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SUNDAY PROGRAMME

🕒 09:00

Training Event for Party Council Chairs and Secretaries

📖 John Charles 2

🕒 10:00 **Plenary Begins**

🕒 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

🕒 11:20

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

📖 Queen's Ballroom

 11:35

Report on the inaugural Building Equalities for All Conference

 Queen's Ballroom

Delivered by Equalities Committee Youth Member Tina Bhartwas

 11:40

Policy Debate 2: International Development

 Queen's Ballroom

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

 12:50

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

 Queen's Ballroom

 12:55

Conference Business

 Queen's Ballroom

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

 14:00 End of Conference

MARKETPLACE

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

1. Social Enterprise UK

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2. Fair Tax Foundation

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3. Co-operatives UK

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4. Labour Animal Welfare Society

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5. Labour Women's Network

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CO-OPERATIVES UK



6. European Movement UK

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7. Cwmpas

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8. Midcounties Co-operative

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9. Co-operative Party Stall

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10. Principle 5, Sheffield

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11. Lambeth GP Co-op

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12. Incredible Edible

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13. Fair Game

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14. Seagull ReUse Paint

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15. Wortley Hall

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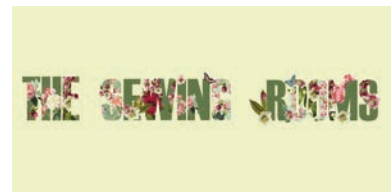


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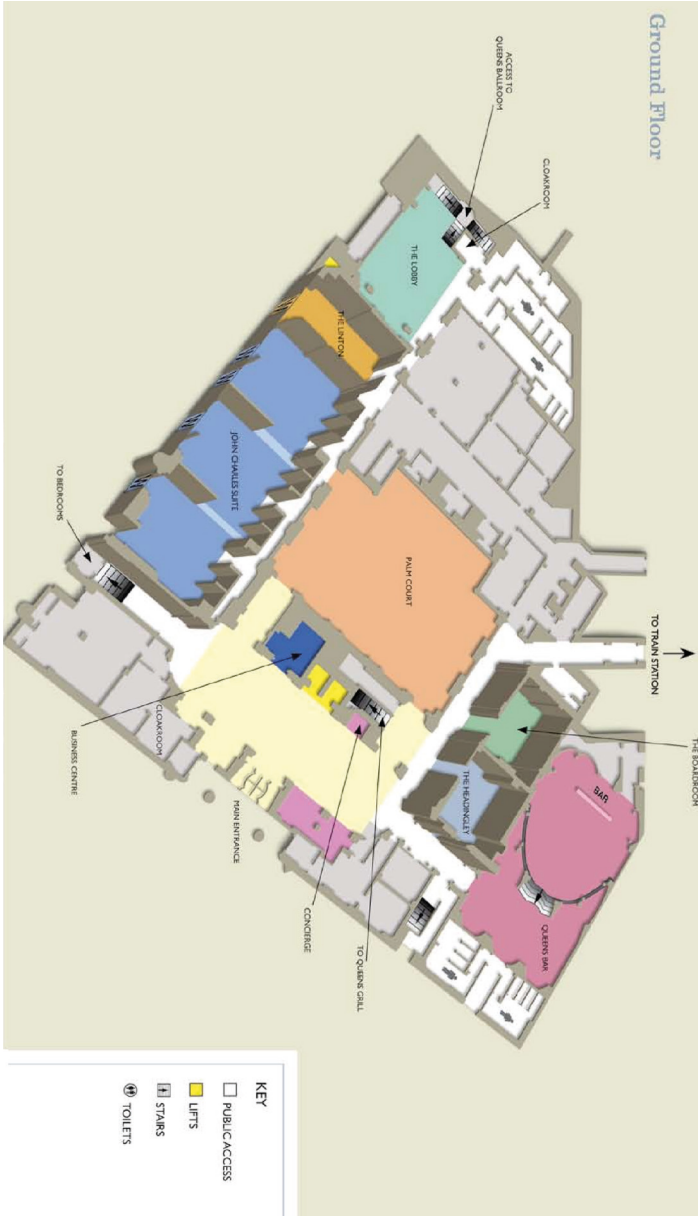


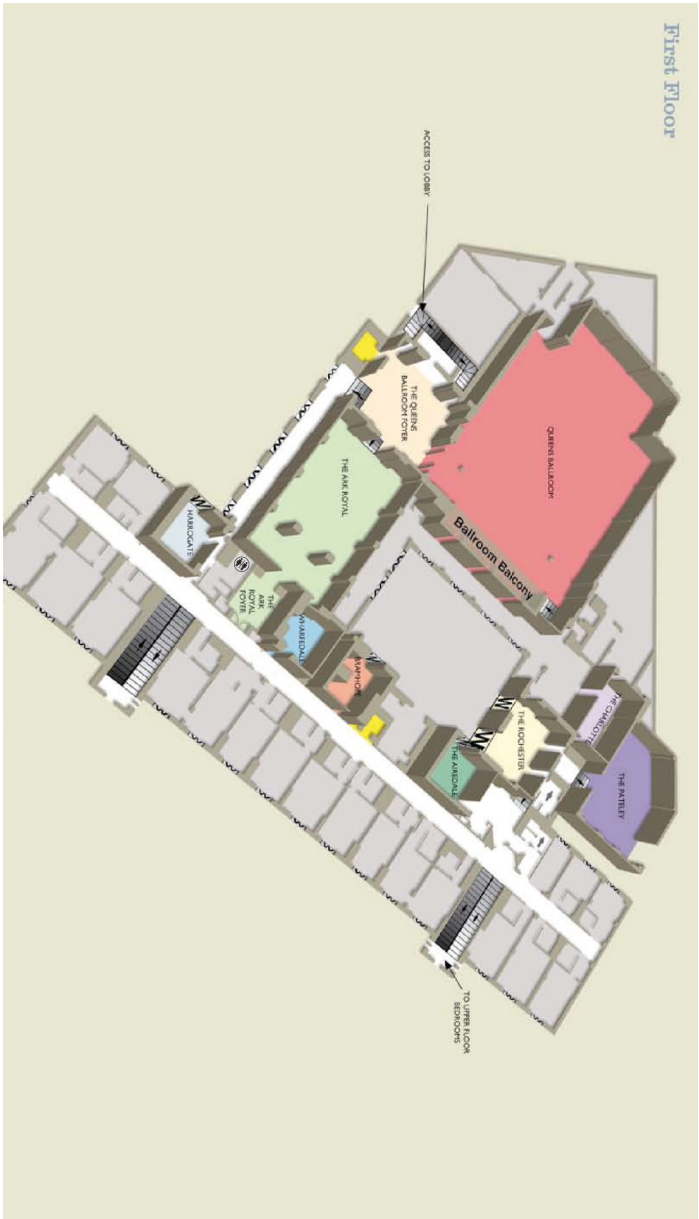
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