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Letter from the General Secretary



Welcome to the latest edition of The Pioneer, your Co-operative Party member magazine.

Friends, welcome to the new edition of 'The Pioneer: From Crisis to Cooperation'.

The theme of this edition and indeed our upcoming Annual Conference reflects the time in which we live. Once again, we look into an uncertain future with our country facing severe challenges from the cost-of-living crisis, energy crisis, climate crisis and recession.

Over the coming period I know our Party is ready to play our part in offering the support, campaigning and ideas based on our values and principles. We in the Cooperative Party and movement offer something unique, beautiful and long-lasting. Our politics offers a

hopeful, brighter, more equal future, and our movement provides the practical ways in which that can be achieved.

This edition of the Pioneer looks to that more hopeful, more co-operative future and I hope you enjoy it.

Thank you for your continued invaluable support for our Party and our movement.

Joe Fortune, General Secretary



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us cover the costs of inflation. This helps us to

CLIMATE CRISIS AND THE CO-OPERATIVE ECONOMY

Miatta Fahnbulleh
Chief Executive
New Economics Foundation

Chief Executive of the New Economics Foundation Miatta Fahnbulleh makes the case for co-operative solutions and approaches to tackling the climate crisis. The imperative to tackle climate change grows with urgency each day. As we confront multiple crises in the here and now, we must not forget this. The cost of doing so, not just in pounds, but in human suffering is unimaginable.

If we choose to act now – which we must - the scale of the response to meet this challenge will be immense. It will require national investment and policy innovation akin to those we have seen in response to the pandemic. But to deliver the pace and scale of change required, this must be matched by equally ambitious action at the local level. We cannot transition to net zero in a way that is just without empowering those at the local level to respond. To do this, we must get three things right.

First, the green transition must focus resources, political attention and support on places. Not only does this mean implementing bold, industrial transformation plans for places, but it also requires putting local people who understand the needs of their local economy and community in the driving seat. The transition to net zero must come hand in glove with a radical devolution of power and funding for education, skills, employment

support, energy, housing, planning and local transport. And in return for these powers, local leaders must work hand in glove with their community to develop a shared just transition plan for their areas.

Second, it will require large scale public investment to transform places and revive communities that have been held back. We know that there is no path to net zero without public investment. The question is whether we do this as a part of deliberate and proactive strategy to adapt our economy as we decarbonise or do this in a panic as the impacts of climate change begin to bite. If we are going to have to invest for net zero, why not plough this into our communities now to create jobs, boost industries and remake places. Start with a £50bn fund devolved to places to support investment in the green transition over the next five years. This would create a much-needed stimulus to local economies and enable places to build the infrastructure and social capital they need to.

Third, the green economy that emerges must be owned by communities and work in their interest. Community ownership of green infrastructure and assets, employee ownership, mutuals and cooperatives will give people a bigger stake and ownership of their local economy so that more of the benefits flow to them. And there is a powerful role that municipal authorities can play working with anchors institutions across their area - universities, colleges, housing associations, NHS health boards, or large private sector employers – to bring this social economy about. By mobilising and co-ordinating local spending and investment power, these institutions can not only create jobs, build local supply chains but they can buy up community assets that would otherwise disappear and pump prime co-operatives, social enterprise and community businesses that are owned by and rooted in their community.

The transition to net zero will require change in every aspect of our lives. But in here lies a golden opportunity to fix so much that is broken with our current system. Get this right, and we have a chance to transform our economy, revive places and breathe life back into our communities. •

Case study

SAVING ENERGY, BUILDING POWER

Two Manchester co-ops are leading the way with retrofit programmes that centre people and planet.



Emma Hoddinott
Assistant General Secretary
Co-operative Party

s the climate crisis deepens and energy prices rise, being able to reduce the amount of heat buildings use, becomes more important. Carbon Co-op in Manchester is a flat structure co-operative whose aim is to reduce the domestic carbon emissions of its members, the wider public in Greater Manchester and beyond, to an extent sufficient to avoid runaway climate change.

Carbon Co-op had its origins back to 2005, collaborating with urban design worker co-operative URBED, as part of a solar co-op project in Manchester, moving through a research and development phase to finally become incorporated in 2011. It now offers services for its householder members as well as carrying out consultancy work for other like-minded organisations.

As at least 14% of UK emissions come from domestic properties, this includes helping members to carry out retrofit works on their homes. Often retrofitting work is top-down, with the builders and experts in charge, and unfortunately there are horror stories of incomplete and inappropriate works through some of the schemes that have happened in the past. The co-operative approach is different to mainstream



Jim McMahon MP, Chair of the Co-operative Party, visiting Carbon Co-op in Manchester.

building firms and consultancies in that it has democratic consent, and therefore it seeks to make retrofit work for householders.

Every home is different, so the solutions must be tailored, and the co-op is seeking to overcome the numerous barriers that householders face to make this happen. As of 2021, it now has a sister co-op – a retrofit One Stop Shop, People Powered Retrofit that was set up to help households navigate the retrofit process as well as address some of the skills and supply side issues in the sector too.

In terms of the retrofit process,

someone has their home assessed by the team, who advise on the best measures for making it more energy efficient. The co-op designs the most appropriate retrofitting solutions and connects people with the best builders to use.

Rob, a householder involved in a co-op retrofit project, said it was just the sort of householder advocacy that he needed to mitigate the disruption and that help was invaluable because we'd never done that before. This is the co-operative difference that having a stake in the project makes, with many skills passed onto members

and householders to build capacity.

Carbon Co-op and People
Power Retrofit are just two
examples of retrofitting co-ops
based in Manchester. There are
many others now operating across
the country. Imagine what a national
network could achieve in making
retrofit easy and accessible, if this
was available to all householders in
the country. •

'This is the co-operative difference that having a stake in the project makes, with many skills passed onto members and householders to build capacity.'

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PIONEERING THE RESPONSE TO THE UK FOOD CRISIS



Jim McMahon MP
Chair of the Co-operative Party and
Shadow Environment, Food
& Rural Affairs Secretary

Chair of the Co-operative Party and Shadow Environment, Food & Rural Affairs Secretary Jim McMahon MP tells us more about the work our members and representatives have been doing to fight the scourge of food insecurity here in the UK.



ccess to good, healthy and affordable food was the founding mission of the cooperative movement, yet the very real challenges people across the UK currently face in achieving this serves only to demonstrate just how important that endeavour remains today.

Simply put, there is a food crisis in the UK. And as the Co-operative Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, in recent weeks and months I've seen the breadth of depth of the problem.

Millions are living in food poverty, and people are utterly dependent on emergency food parcels and foodbanks – many of which are struggling to keep up with demand, whilst others are at risk of closure due to the rising cost of energy bills.

In our food chain, inflation is hitting production as farmers and producers grapple with soaring costs, whilst avoidable labour shortages have resulted in culls and produce rotting in fields.

People are skipping meals, going hungry, and stuck in food insecurity.

The situation is bad enough now, but with the energy price cap increasing, inflation rising, and a government missing in action, it's only going to get worse.

Once again, much like those
Rochdale Pioneers who took
action many years ago, it is the
responsibility of the Co-operative
Party and movement not to sit idly by
but put our principles into practice to
make a difference where it matters
most.

And that's what we've been doing.

At local government, we've been working alongside local authorities to establish designated food champions to lead on food justice; helping draw up local food action plans that bring together statutory agencies and community groups to deliver practical action; helping to establish local community fridges and kitchens; and building up an

accurate understanding of the situation in communities.

At a national level, we've been calling for an ambitious and comprehensive National Food Strategy that will safeguard access to food, reduce foodbank dependency, back farmers and producers, support the food and drink sector's co-operative businesses, and entrench the UK's reputation as a beacon of quality food, high standards, and ethical animal welfare.

We've also been driving up the use of Healthy Start Vouchers so more families can access the nutritional food they need, and crucially calling on the Government to increase their value in line with inflation so babies, children and pregnant people who need it most don't go hungry.

As Chair of the Co-operative Party, I'm proud of this response, and these actions have already served to make a real difference.

But as we face the prospect of a desperate winter there's still more be done, and both as a Party and movement we must continue to put our ideals, values and solutions into practice, so that we can tackle food insecurity and truly move from crisis to co-operation.

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The Long Read

FROM CRISIS TO CO-OPERATION

With this year marking the 95th anniversary of the partnership between Labour and the Co-operative Party, Labour Leader **Sir Keir Starmer MP** explains how we all benefit from a strong voice for communities and co-operation.



Sir Keir Starmer MPLeader of the Labour Party

hen I first spoke at the Co-operative Party
Annual Conference in 2019, little did we know
the shocks, crises and political turmoil which
would unfold over the following years. Everywhere I go,
I hear the same stories. People scared about their future.
Worried for winter, when they will face difficult choices
about what to spend their money on. Pensioners who
can't afford to turn on the heating. Families cutting back
on what they buy their children. Whether it's the cost-ofliving crisis, the energy crisis, or rebuilding the economy
post-Covid, twelve years of Conservative failure has left
us exposed. But, it doesn't need to be like this.

As leader of the Labour Party, the Co-operative Party's sister Party, I am determined to give our country the fresh start it needs. And I am clear what the priority of my Labour Government will be. We need to deliver

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'We can learn a great deal from how the co-operative movement operates: long-termism, local reinvestment and a clear sense of duty all define the way in which co-operatives in this country contribute to our economy.'

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strong, secure and fair economic growth. Growth based on seizing the opportunities of net zero, boosted productivity, re-energised communities and the spread of economic power. The next Labour Government will ensure prosperity for every city and town, across the whole of the UK. In August, we outlined our fully costed plan to freeze energy bills for the winter, and put money back into people's pockets. And it will be our national mission to insulate homes to keep bills lower in the future. Only Labour has a plan for the cost-of-living crisis, because only Labour is on the side of working people.

During the height of the pandemic, I was pleased to return – albeit virtually – to the Co-operative Party Conference. We can learn a great deal from how the co-operative movement operates: long-termism, local reinvestment and a clear sense of duty all define the way in which co-operatives in this country contribute to our economy. The result is resilience, productivity and a spread of power.

The United Kingdom is one of the most centralised countries in the world. For too long, too many decisions about local communities have not been made by local communities. I have pledged partnership in power. While the Tories have squandered the amazing potential that sits in our towns, cities, coastal areas, and rural communities, a Labour government will harness them. We will pass power down to drive productivity up. The success of the co-operative sector's model is clear, and



 $Sir Keir Starmer \, MP \, speaking \, at the \, Co-operative \, Party's \, 2019 \, Annual \, Conference.$

cements why I am determined to do so.

And what a stark contrast with a government that put levelling-up at the heart of its project, but failed to deliver much more than a slogan. As levelling-up falls off the Government's priority list, we are clear how a Labour government would deliver real change. Within this vision, we have already announced important policies which will help unleash community power and contribution. This includes measures long championed by

the Co-operative Party, such as a Community Right to Buy and a smoothing of the way for community bids for community assets. Together, we will put power back into the hands of communities and ensure they shape and, importantly, own, their own future.

The partnership between the Co-operative Party and the Labour Party is in its 95th year. Its longevity is due to shared values and principles. The work the Co-operative Party does to promote and defend the co-operative

movement is vital. I want to pay tribute to your Chair Jim McMahon MP and whole Party for the work you have done to champion co-operative business, promote solutions to insecurity, better protect retail workers, and defend against the scourge of modern slavery. A strong labour movement benefits from a strong voice for co-operation. I look forward to working with you all as we work towards the next general election and deliver a fresh start for Britain.

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BREAKING RECORDS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

In this year's local elections, more Co-operative Councillors were elected than ever before. But can't stop there: we're already looking forward to what we can achieve in 2023.

In 2022, we fielded our largest, most diverse set of candidates yet.

1 in 3

O10/O
of Councils had a
Co-operative
candidate

candidates identified as BAME

150/ of candidates identified as LGBTO+ of candidates had a disability

We had one of our most successful local elections ever.

We now have over

Co-operative Councillors

49/55
Councillors are
Co-operative on
Greenwich Counci

We doubled the number of Co-operative Councillors in Scotland

We quadrupled the

number of
Co-operative
Councillors in Wales

We're already getting ready for the 2023 Local Elections.

229

Councils will be holding elections in 2023

500

Co-operative Party members have already applied to stand for election as a Co-operative Councillor next year

Want to be part of it?

Visit party.coop/candidate-development now to find out how we can help you become a Co-operative Councillor.

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PREET KAUR GILL MP

Preet Kaur Gill is the Labour and Co-operative MP for Birmingham Edgbaston, the Shadow International Development Secretary, and the Co-operative Party Parliamentary Group Chair in Westminster.



Amidst global crises and instability, what would a Labour & Co-operative government's priorities be for international development?

When Labour next takes office we will do so in a world that has never looked so insecure: climate breakdown, inequality and the pandemic have driven poverty, conflict and displacement at record levels.

From Covid to Ukraine, it couldn't be clearer that Britain's fortunes are intrinsically linked to that of

the wider world. Yet following the Conservatives' decisions to axe our world-leading International Development department and decimate the aid budget, our international influence has waned. In government, our first priority must be to bring Britain back to the global stage. A Labour and Cooperative government will return to 0.7%; install a new delivery of development expertise; and make sure Britain plays its part tackling the greatest challenges facing us all.

How can we ensure our international development policy helps victims and refugees of global conflict and instability?

The greatest thing we can do to help victims of conflict and instability is to help prevent it in the first place.

Just months before Russia was to invade Ukraine, the Conservatives cut £350m from its Conflict Stability and Security Fund programming to prevent conflict. Just months before our withdrawal, they cut aid to Afghanistan by half – despite 18.4 million people relying on humanitarian support even before the Taliban took control.

While our current Government has lurched from crisis to crisis, my approach will be different – making the case that long-term development works and can turn the tide in countries and regions on the brink of conflict.

How can we use international development and co-operative ideas to prevent climate change in areas vulnerable to extreme weather?

Global co-operation is crucial to accelerating the transition from fossil fuels. For the UK this means restoring our commitment to the 0.7% aid target, playing a leading role at COP, and giving those most vulnerable to climate breakdown an equal seat at the table.

Whether it is extreme floods in Pakistan, drought in East Africa or wildfires in Kent, the climate emergency is now.

Globally, we need to confront the fact that many countries at the sharp end of the climate crisis – those that have contributed the very least to global emissions – don't have the capacity to adapt to the devastation they currently face.

Co-ops have led the way in the transition to net zero, but it is on all of us now to accelerate

mitigation efforts and campaign for the scale of change we need.

During the Covid pandemic, the Global South experienced significant disadvantage in vaccine access. How do we prevent future health inequality?

The pandemic revealed a fundamental problem: namely that the world has more capability to invent and develop vaccines than it has to manufacture and distribute them on a global scale. While donating our surplus vaccine doses to poor countries was the right thing to do, in practice it has been slow, inefficient, and in our Government's case, used as a cover to make further stealth cuts to our aid budget at poor countries' expense. In future poor countries should not have to wait for handouts. The next Labour and Co-op Government would strengthen global health systems, using the NHS as a model, by helping to establish an international mechanism to rapidly produce and distribute vaccines, share technology, knowledge and skills, and build the infrastructure the world needs to deliver it.

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JAYNE KIRKHAM

Jayne Kirkham has been selected as the Labour and Co-op candidate in Truro and Falmouth – the first candidate selected for the next General Election. She is currently the Labour Group Leader on Cornwall Council after being elected as a Labour and Co-op Councillor in 2018.



How do you think the Co-operative Party and movement are best placed to tackle the many crises which communities are facing?

The co-operative movement offers so many innovative yet practical solutions to the issues facing us today. Just one example, in Cornwall, we have

a real housing crisis facing us. There are over 22,000 people on the housing waiting list in Cornwall and approximately 25,000 second and holiday homes. Community land trusts, co-operative housing and licensing to allow communities a greater say are a key part of that solution.

What are your co-operative policy priorities as a newly selected Co-operative candidate?

It's an incredible honour to be selected as a Labour and Co-operative candidate and to champion co-operation. On housing, I've already talked about the role of housing co-operatives and community land trusts. But also in social care – the current model of social care in this country is broken. Carers' co-ops are part of the answer and I've been glad to see the policy discussions around this in the Co-op Party this year. And finally a greener economy – community energy schemes are needed to see skilled jobs in our areas and communities seeing a share of profits which currently sit with multinational energy companies.

What can our communities do locally to tackle the cost of living crisis in their community?

Locally on the Town Council, I am proposing a Food Justice motion, appointing a food justice champion; developing a food partnership with local organisations and individuals who are all doing good work, but in a fragmented way; and developing a food action plan to identify the gaps that exist and co-ordinate the organisations locally to fill those gaps. Our Town Council works with a food co-operative who run our café at the Pavilion Theatre that we have taken over from the unitary council to keep open, cooking hot meals for those in the community who need them.

The Co-operative Party's campaign on food justice is one that Co-operative councillors and members alike can get involved in either at that local level in organisations such as food co-ops, on local councils or by spreading the word and raising awareness in their community.

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Spotlight

NORTHERN IRELAND: BUILDING COMMUNITY POWER





Anna McAleavy
Vice Chair, Co-operative
Party Northern Ireland

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lex Norris MP very kindly provided the keynote speech to the Northern Ireland Cooperative Party Online Annual Conference in May this year. Alex's brief in Westminster is Labour's response to the levelling-up agenda, and although the political circumstances in NI are very different given the Executive in Stormont has been suspended, the challenges of fuel poverty, inflation and low pay are obviously shared.

Following Alex's very well received contribution, we had an in-depth discussion about food and fuel poverty from the UK and NI perspectives, a report back from the NEC provided by Vice Chair of the Co-operative Party Ruth Hall and

a practical guide to campaigning which considered the political circumstances we face here.

Our lively and at times passionate debates were greatly informed by the contributions of members who repeatedly stressed the need for co-operative solutions, and the evident opportunities for those solutions here in Northern Ireland.



Claire Baker MSP
Labour & Co-operative MSP
for Mid Scotland and Fife

cotland's town centres have traditionally been the heartbeat of our communities - bringing people together to live, work, shop and socialise.

In recent years our town centres and high streets have been under pressure from out of town and online shopping and the pandemic has made this worse.

As a Scottish Co-operative Party MSP, I fully support our Unlock the High Street campaign. It's hugely important for our communities that high streets remain vibrant.

As the Convenor of the Scottish Parliament's Economy and Fair Work Committee, I am leading an inquiry into the future of town centres. During the inquiry, we have visited co-operative solutions including the Midsteeple Quarter in Dumfries and heard from a number of co-operators about how to reinvigorate our town centres and high streets.

The Committee's report aims to set out proposals to protect and promote the future of town centres and I hope co-operators will find much to support in the report.

'Scotland's town centres have traditionally been the heartbeat of our communities bringing people together to live, work, shop and socialise,'

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CAMPAIGNS: EMPOWERING CO-OPERATION



Huw Irranca-Davies MS

Chair of the Senedd Co-operative Group Labour & Co-operative MS for Ogmore

s I write this article, Welsh
Government Minister Vaughan
Gething is in Aberystwyth
highlighting yet another employeeowned Welsh company going
from strength to strength in global
markets, with Welsh Government
support.

Indeed, the Welsh Labour
Government has a powerful
commitment to the co-operative
economy already, seeking to double
the number of employee-owned
companies in Wales with the expert
support of Cwmpas (formerly the
Wales Co-operative Centre) and
Social Business Wales.

Now, after a successful debate and vote in the Senedd last year, our Senedd Co-operative Group are 'The Welsh
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working with the Welsh Government to see whether we could do even more: could we see legislation – a Wales-version of the Marcora Law?

The excellent CLES Report
'Owning the workplace | CLES' has
been really helpful, arguing that
legislation promoting employee
ownership, along with statutory
targets, would inspire "a culture shift
towards seeing employee ownership
normalised in the mainstream
economy".

So, watch this space! •



James Butler Campaigns Officer Co-operative Party

he campaigning actions of our elected representatives, supporters and members are most effective when they address the issues that really matter – and are combined with practical action.

That's why we've been active not just raising the spectre of food insecurity, but encouraging councils to develop local partnerships which tackle hunger at a community level, and and to promote Healthy Start take up through foodjusticefinder. com. It's why our politicians don't just raise the insidious issue of violence against shopworkers, they bring forward legislation as Daniel Johnson MSP has done in Scotland, and to secure an amendment in Westminster law which means that

violence against shopworkers is now a specific aggravating offence which must be taken into account when sentencing. And it's why our latest campaign on the cost of energy has hit a nerve as we tackle the cost-of-living head on whilst providing councillors with the information and tools they need to support their communities.

Our core mission, of course, is to represent the interests of the cooperative movement. In the coming period, we will be working hard to support Co-operative MP Sir Mark Hendrick's Co-operatives, Mutuals and Friendly Societies Bill. We'll be in touch about how you can help support this important legislation.

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SOLVING OUR HEALTHCARE CRISIS THROUGH CO-OPERATION



Daniel MonaghanPolicy Officer
Co-operative Party

ur policy consultation this year has focused on confronting the challenges the healthcare system faces across Britain. The NHS has come under unprecedented pressure in recent years – instigated by a combination of the COVID-19 pandemic, austerity, and Brexit. These pressures have led to crises emerging in staffing, waiting lists, patient outcomes and mental health provision. The next Labour & Co-operative Government will be required to overturn this damage with a new settlement which ends chronic underfunding, improves staffing conditions, and delivers meaningful investment into neglected areas such as mental health.

Our policy consultation has seen members and Party branches from across the country contribute valuable submissions on how to tackle these



'Join us at Annual Conference and come find out more!'

challenges. Members' expertise and lived experience of the NHS and healthcare provision has helped to shape new policy proposals for the next Labour & Co-operative Government.

At Annual Conference, we will be presenting new co-operative models for patient voice, GP services and dental care, installing democratic public ownership and accountability

at the heart of the system. New commitments to tackle health inequalities, build parity of esteem for mental health services and establish a new settlement for NHS staff will be introduced. Join us at Annual Conference and come find out more!

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EQUALITIES: UPDATE



Jennifer Hemingway Equalities Officer Co-operative Party

t is a joy to join the team as Equalities Officer for the Party. My heartfelt thanks, in particular, to the networks that have made me feel so welcome.

Were you lucky enough to be a part of our inaugural Building Equalities for All Conference? It was a roaring success thanks to the hard work of our networks. As well as updates on the work of our member-led networks, we enjoyed panel discussions about the cost-of-living crisis and its impact on minorities, building safer communities, and pushing back barriers to hear more diverse voices in government.

There are changes on the horizon on the NEC. Members voted at the AGM to have a BAME, LGBTQ+ and (dis)Ability representative join the Youth representative on our gender-balanced NEC. Visible representation matters, and we look forward to their contributions.

We need your voice! All five Equality Networks have elections for their steering committees this autumn. Take a moment to ensure you have updated

your membership details (party.coop/ equalities). That is all it takes to be a part of the network and receive updates! If you want to help drive the Equalities agenda, put yourself forward. We welcome fresh ideas and enthusiastic co-operators.

> To opt-in to any of the Networks, please visit party.coop/equalities



UPCOMING EVENTS

The Co-operative Party has organised an extensive programme of online and 'in-person' events taking place throughout Autumn 2022 and Spring 2023.

Saturday 8th to Sunday 9th October Join us in Leeds for our annual showcase of co-operative politics. Speakers include Rachel Reeves MP, Lisa Nandy MP, Mark Drakeford MS and equalities campaigner Azeem Rafiq.

Book your ticket from £45 at: www.party.coop/conference22

Online-only events

Our online event programme held on Zoom provides insight into the work of our politicians and current campaigning.

Do regularly check your inbox or the events section of our website for up to information on upcoming topics and speakers.

If you can't join us live, you can watch them on our YouTube channel here:

www.youtube.com/coopparty

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Northern Ireland
Conferences 2023

Held online over the last two years, in Spring 2023 we are coming to all regions and nations across the UK.

Join with members and campaigners as we develop our policy platform and highlight our campaigning work in 2023.

This is your time to discuss policy and other pertinent issues with co-operators close to you. Do check your inbox and the Events webpage for more information as it becomes available.

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