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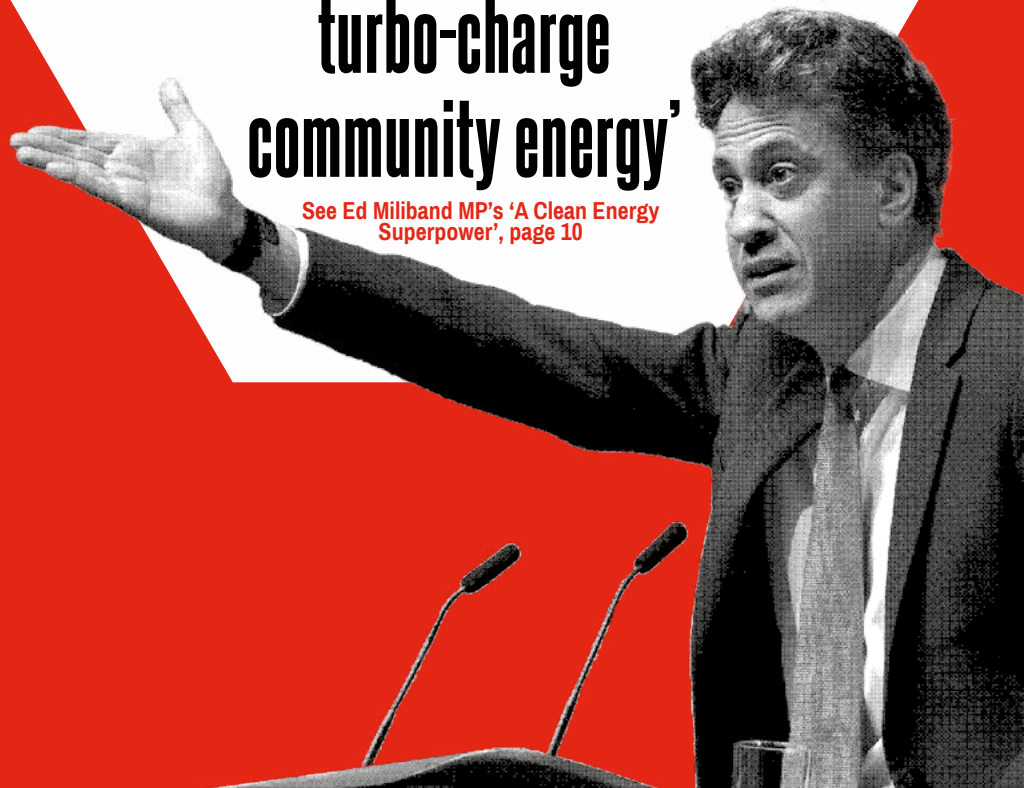
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## Letter from the General Secretary



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

Friends, welcome to your new edition of *The Pioneer*. Ahead of anything else, I want to extend huge thanks to you for your continued support and membership of our Party. Since the last General Election in 2019, our Party has been the fastest-growing political party in the UK. This is a testament to all your hard work and commitment.

The theme of this edition is 'Ambition for Change'. This theme encapsulates the time in which we live. Our Party holds a positive, vibrant and ambitious policy platform, which we believe will bring huge benefit to the country. We believe that the country is ready for change, and there is an opportunity for this to be demonstrated with the upcoming General Election.

This edition looks at some of the key themes the Party will be focused on through to the next General Election and offers a glimpse of the co-operative change we believe is possible through a Labour & Co-operative win.

Friends, we have an ambitious plan for the time between now and the General Election. We want to try new things, stretch ourselves and really support Co-operative candidates at all levels of representation. It is an exciting time, but there is much hard work ahead of us. I look forward to working with you all to achieve our Party's ambition. ●

Joe Fortune, General Secretary

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Emma Foody  
Assistant General Secretary  
Co-operative Party

Co-operative Party Assistant General Secretary Emma Foody talks about how to give communities greater agency in the places they call home.

Our movement is about ensuring that people have a genuine stake and say in the things that affect their lives; a concept we often frame in terms of new economic models for the goods and services we consume.

But co-operation is about our day-to-day lives, and nothing is more fundamental to this than the public services that shape our communities and the buildings and places that form the fabric of where we call home. As co-operators, it is a real stake and say in these critical features of our lives that we should, and must, secure.

To this end, local ownership that puts power in the hands of communities is essential, and as a Party, we are playing a leading role in realising this ambition.

Doing so will give people in communities across the UK the rights to shape the town centres, high streets, and services they depend on in their area. Building out from a devolution agenda that is shifting power from Whitehall to town hall, we will help ensure that the decisions that affect our lives are made closer to where they matter.

Under Keir Starmer, the next Labour and Co-operative

Government will author the most ambitious transfer of power since devolution to Scotland and Wales.

They are absolutely right to recognise the desire for communities to take back control. Moving power from the centre of Westminster and Whitehall to the regions and sub-regions through the country is a huge step in the right direction in achieving this. But it can't end there. People need to feel this greater agency in their day-to-day lives.

That's why we're campaigning for enshrined community rights to realise our ambition. We welcome Labour's commitment to a genuine Community Right to Buy that would replace the insufficient Community Right to Bid from the Localism Act and give people the necessary time and support to stop the loss of vital community assets.

That means giving people the genuine chance to take greater control over their town centres, the services on their high streets, their local pubs, music venues, football clubs, and other assets right across their community.

And we want to build on this. Already up and down the country our elected Co-operative Mayors and Councils are getting their communities involved in shaping the services that affect them. Moving beyond the Tories' ineffective Community Right to Challenge to pioneering inclusive, participatory models of community co-operation in public services.

But only a change of government can mean this becomes the norm, not the exception.

Taken together this would be a weighty package of community power which, when added to other devolution plans, can truly have the transformative effect on people's day-to-day lives that our movement strives for. ●

# LEADING WITH AMBITION



Georgia O'Brien  
Communications Manager  
Co-operative Party

When local people have the chance to own their energy, it has the power to transform communities. *Ambition Community Energy* is a brilliant demonstration of co-operation in action.



Community energy can be an important tool in empowering our communities – giving them the opportunity to generate, store and own their own renewable energy. Despite a lack of government support, the sector has achieved consistent growth – driven by the passion and commitment of grassroots organisations to develop a cleaner, greener energy system.

The new wind turbine built at Lawrence Weston estate in Bristol is a clear demonstration of the power of communities coming together to deliver change to the energy system and their relation to it. The new wind turbine is England's largest onshore wind turbine – measuring 150 metres – just shy of the height of the famous Blackpool Tower. The new turbine will generate approximately 4.2MW of energy each year – power equivalent to the annual energy use of all of

the Lawrence Weston estate's 3,000 homes. This will lead to saving 87,600 tons of CO2 over the turbine's lifetime. Combined it will have a transformative impact on energy and emissions at Lawrence Weston.

The development of the wind turbine was delivered against the odds by a committed community organisation, which overcame several hurdles to establish this transformative initiative. Started in 2012, Ambition Lawrence Weston (ALW) is a local resident organisation created to improve the lives of residents and make

Lawrence Weston a better place to live. Formed as a charity, ALW has developed both a Community Plan and a Community Economic Development Plan to help revive jobs, services and amenities in the local area. This includes delivering employment services for residents, supporting local tradespeople and providing affordable housing for residents. Community energy is a big part of these ambitions, and a new community interest company was created to deliver this – Ambition Community Energy (ACE).

ACE began plans for the turbine in 2016, with funding from a range of organisations including Bristol City Council, Power to Change and the West of England Combined Authority. ACE fought for seven years to begin the construction of the turbine – after battles over planning permission threatened to end the project. The turbine became operational in May 2023

and will now generate £100,000 a year for the estate. This funding will be used to fund a community hub which provides support, training and advice to local residents.

The project is a powerful demonstration of community empowerment and co-operation in action. We hope through Labour's Local Power Plan all communities can benefit from similar projects in the future. ●



Pictured: Mayor Oliver Coppard and Emma Hoddinott visit an employee-owned manufacturing company in Rotherham.

# GROWING THE CO-OPERATIVE ECONOMY IN SOUTH YORKSHIRE



**Oliver Coppard**  
Mayor of South Yorkshire

Having been elected just over a year ago, Co-operative Mayor Oliver Coppard explains how he's building a better economy through growing the size of the co-operative sector in South Yorkshire.

**W**e don't just want a bigger economy in South Yorkshire; we want a better economy. As a Co-operative Mayor, alongside others around the country, I'm creating a blueprint for change ahead of the next General Election.

I don't just share the ambition of the Co-operative Party – and now the Labour Party – to double the size of the co-operative sector. I'm proudly helping to lead that change. This is a generational opportunity. We already have the proof that co-operatives work, with an annual turnover of £39.7bn already today in the UK. In my own region, the influence of co-operatives in manufacturing is clear to see, in companies like Gripple.

But despite these successes, the co-operative sector is undersized. Germany's co-operative economy is four times bigger than the UK's, while in France it's six times larger.

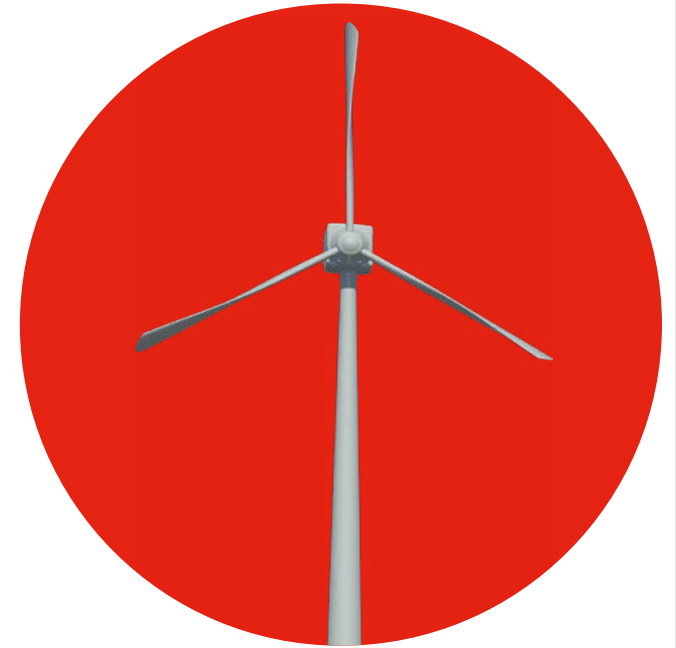
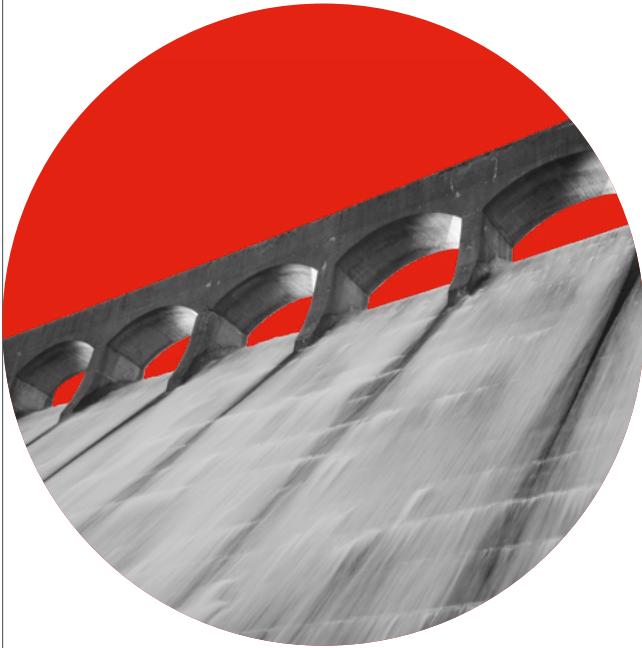
The opportunity is there if we can seize it; in South Yorkshire we have seen sector growth through our commitment to expanding employee ownership and worker co-operatives, with employment up 15% in a year.

And this is about more than just numbers, it's about the better type of economy we want to see. Co-operatives have shown that they have that growth potential, productivity and resilience needed to redefine our local economy. They promote sustainable and ethical business practices, with higher levels of job

satisfaction and economic wellbeing. After five years of trading, the average worker co-operative in the UK supports six times more livelihoods, and is almost twice as likely, as start-ups in general, to still be trading.

We don't need to wait for the General Election to take action. We are already leading the way in South Yorkshire, launching the UK's first Ownership Hub over a year ago. Now London and the West Midlands are establishing similar schemes. We're looking at ways to go further, including expanding access to finance for established businesses looking to convert to worker or employee ownership.

There is nothing utopian about co-operatives. They are a proven and growing movement, based on long term and binding roots in our communities. Value is created locally, and kept locally. Co-operatives reflect the best of our past, and chart a way forward for ownership in the future. ●

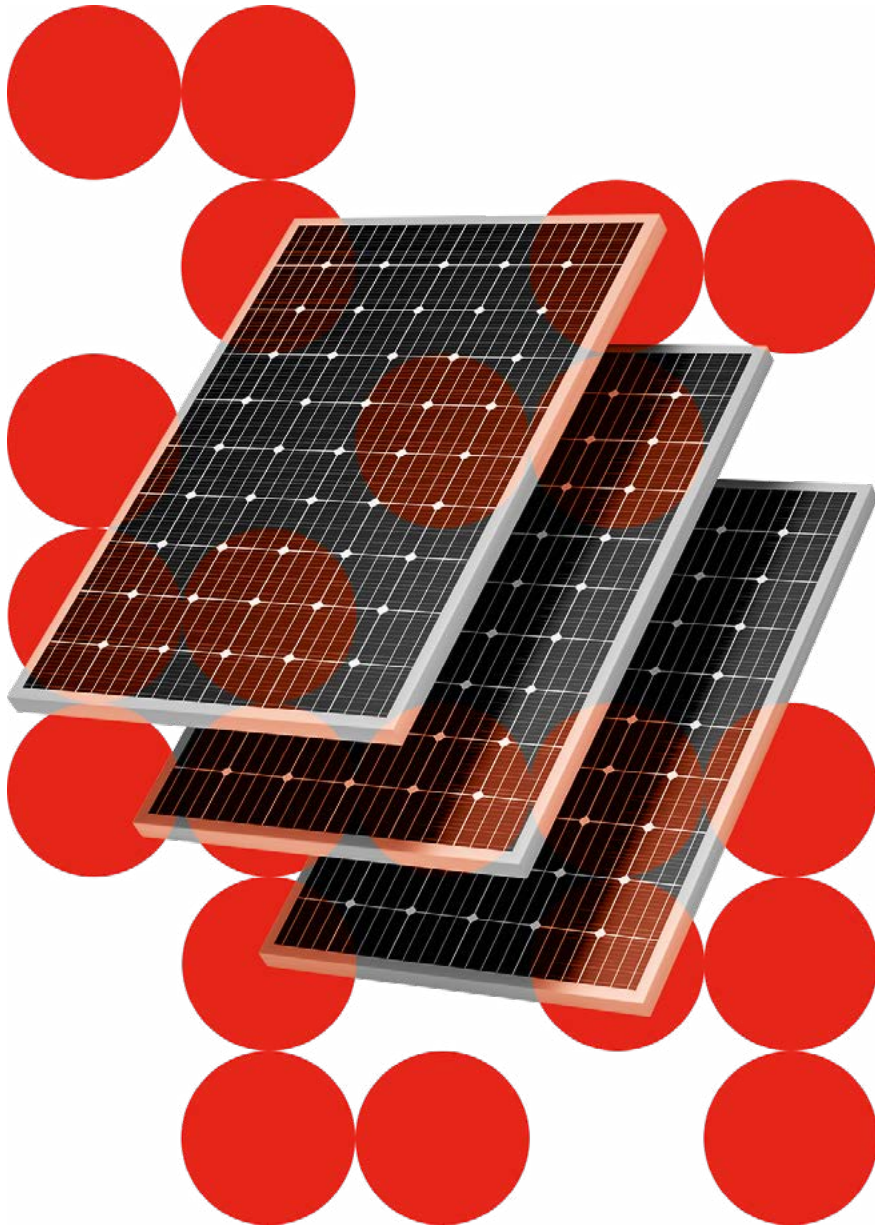


# A CLEAN ENERGY SUPERPOWER



**Ed Miliband MP**  
Shadow Secretary of State  
of Climate Change and Net Zero

As part of Labour's mission to make Britain a clean energy superpower, Shadow Climate Change and Net Zero Secretary Ed Miliband writes on how Labour's Local Power Plan will turbo-charge community-owned energy here in the UK.



Over recent months, we have seen the continuation of two damaging, simultaneous crises that are affecting millions of people both in the UK and across the world.

The impacts of both the cost-of-living crisis and climate emergency have caused untold financial hardship and environmental devastation, and the urgency with which we must address them has only increased.

To some, these two problems cannot be tackled together. But this is fundamentally wrong: addressing both of these crises can only be done by tackling them hand in hand.

That's why Labour's mission to make the UK a clean energy superpower is critical, because realising this ambition will help us cut energy bills for households and businesses, deliver good jobs, safeguard energy security, and provide climate leadership for our country.

At the very heart of this mission is our Local Power Plan. Developed alongside the Co-operative Party, the Local Power Plan sets out the biggest expansion of community-owned energy that this country has ever seen.

The Local Power Plan will see GB Energy – Labour's publicly owned energy company – partner with devolved governments, local councils, and communities to build clean power in cities, towns and villages across Britain.

We'll do this by putting solar panels on public land or on the roofs of housing estates, for instance; we'll empower local communities to come forward with projects directly owned by local people such as the community-owned wind turbines and solar farms that are already delivering in the UK, and we'll put clean power in the grid and the profits in the pockets of the British people.

To do this, we've pledged through GB Energy to make available up to £600m in funding for local authorities, and up to £400m each year for communities.

And our ambition in this commitment is clear: by 2030 we will develop up to 8GWs of cheaper, cleaner power – equivalent to two and a half nuclear power stations and twice the power of the world's largest offshore wind farm.

The crucial condition will be that wherever clean power infrastructure is being built, local communities must see a benefit – for example, through reduced energy bills. We will ensure that British people have real control over and benefit from the energy system.

As a proud Co-operative Party member myself, I know this is a policy that was campaigned for and backed by thousands of our members. It is fantastic that it will now sit at the heart of a future Labour and Co-operative government's mission to deliver a fairer, greener Britain.

We know the difference community energy projects can make, and their role in addressing both the climate and cost-of-living crisis is clear.

But sadly, as the Government's own former Energy Minister said, the community energy sector has been "neglected by government" despite his own review finding that "community energy projects not only contribute to net zero but are a distilled example of energy security and sovereignty".

But this is about to change.

Under the next Labour and Co-operative government, we will turbo-charge community energy to power millions of homes and create thousands of new local owners of renewable energy projects.

With this plan at the heart of our mission to deliver a fairer and greener Britain, we can truly build a more prosperous, secure economy for our country. ●

# CO-OPERATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS



**Jim McMahon MP**  
Chair of the Co-operative Party

Over century ago, members of co-operatives up and down the country held an emergency meeting in Westminster. There they decided not just to lobby, but to organise – and together, they formed the Co-operative Party. Since then, Co-operative Party elected representatives in Westminster, Holyrood, Cardiff Bay and local government have worked to put our ideas into practice. As the Chair of that meeting said, ‘there’s things to safeguard, things to stand for and things to achieve’. **As the current Chair of the Co-operative Party, here are just some of my favourite achievements by co-operative pioneers over the last 100 years.**

1960s

Formation of modern consumer protection laws (Weights & Measures Act 1963, Hire Purchase Act 1964, the Trade Descriptions Act 1968)

1968

Labour & Co-operative MPs help to pass some of the earliest environmental protection legislation through the Farm & Garden Chemicals Act and the Clean Air Act.

1970

Chronically Sick & Disabled Persons Act passed by Alf Morris, Labour & Co-operative MP. This is the world's first act establishing rights for disabled people.

1990s

Labour & Co-operative MPs are instrumental in securing funding of £2m per year for the Fairtrade Foundation to expand fairtrade at home and abroad.

2000

The Co-operative Party is instrumental in the creation of Supporters Direct, promoting accountability and democracy in our football clubs.

2002

Gareth Thomas MP, Co-operative Party Chair, passes the Industrial and Provident Society Act – which updates and modernises co-operative regulation throughout the UK.

2006

The Education Act passed by Labour & Co-operative Education Secretary Ed Balls, allowing the creation of co-operative schools

2008

Labour & Co-operative peer Ted Graham secures a legal definition of Community Land Trusts (CLTs) in the Housing & Regeneration Act, enabling the growth of community-led housing.

2008

Co-operative Party MPs implement ‘Feed-in Tariffs in the Energy Act - which enables the development and expansion of the community energy sector across the UK.

2013

The Housing Bill is passed in the Welsh Senedd by Labour & Co-operative Housing Minister Huw Lewis, which supports the growth of the co-operative housing sector in Wales.

2021

Protection of Workers Bill passed in the Scottish Parliament by Labour & Co-operative MSP Daniel Johnson. The Bill provides greater protections of retail workers exposed to violence and abuse.

2023

Co-operative, Mutuals & Friendly Societies Bill passed by Labour & Co-operative MP Sir Mark Hendrick – strengthening protections against demutualisation of co-operatives.



## CLLR ANNTOINETTE BRAMBLE

Anntoinette Bramble is the Labour and Co-operative Deputy Mayor of the London Borough of Hackney.



### **As Deputy Mayor, how important are co-operative values and principles for Hackney Council?**

Co-operative values play a vital role across Hackney Council. From the outset, our administration worked with our local Co-op Party to build our manifesto, resulting in 'working together' being a guiding light in our work. This had led to numerous co-op manifesto pledges, more Co-op councillors elected in 2022 than ever before, and Hackney's first truly Labour and Co-op Council Budget in 2023.

As a Co-operative councillor, I'm proud to represent these values.

### **What steps has Hackney Council taken to incorporate the ideas offered by our movement?**

We've worked closely with the Co-operative Party and friends across the movement to put co-operative solutions into practice. In January, the Council declared Hackney a Right to Food borough and our long term support for the Party's food justice campaign saw the Mayor create a dedicated Cabinet Member. We've passed the Modern Slavery Charter and all Hackney Council staff are paid the London Living Wage. We're also a Social Enterprise Borough.

The Council has adopted a Sustainable Procurement Strategy meaning co-ops were at the forefront when Hackney Council insourced over £14 million of services and delivered the highest number of council apprentices in London.

### **Hackney also has a thriving co-operative sector. How has the Council supported the local co-operative economy?**

Because we know the benefits of a strong co-operative sector, we've long supported growing the movement and have taken steps like introducing a Co-op and Social Enterprise Champion. Because where local businesses are more resilient, ambitious and productive, and better represent communities, we all benefit.

Hackney is committed to the co-operative and social enterprise movement and we've demonstrated this in many ways including our budget. We committed nearly £70k towards supporting co-ops in Hackney.

Already, the money earmarked has launched our 'Spacebank' initiative, which brings together council-owned buildings to support local businesses including co-ops.

Alongside Labour, the Co-operative Party has ambition to double the size of the sector and we're playing our part in Hackney.

### **How else is Hackney implementing ideas that will help people have a greater stake and say in the decisions that affect them?**

One area that Hackney continues to pioneer growth in is community energy. Like in Labour's Local Power Plan, supported by the Co-op Party, issues like soaring bills and energy insecurity require change with community energy being key.

It's important we empower communities to be the change. In Hackney, we delivered a Community Energy Fund, with the first round of funding supporting 14 local landmarks. I am also proud of the work to affix solar panels to school rooftops. Expanding community-owned energy plays a crucial role in tackling the climate crisis as well as rising bills and helping communities to shape a fairer, greener future. ●

# BAGGY SHANKER

Baggy Shanker is the Labour and Co-operative Parliamentary Candidate for Derby South.



**Baggy—tell me a little about your background.**

Professionally, I'm an engineer by background with two decade of experience within a complex chemical industry manufacturing site delivering large-scale capital investment projects and, more recently, leading Civil Engine Projects for Rolls-Royce. What I suppose that means is that I'm a strategic thinker, a planner,

and a problem solver—skills that I've tried to put to good use in my political career.

**And what about your political career to date?**

I was first elected in 2008, and it has been an honour to represent Derby as a councillor, as a cabinet member between 2012 and 2018, and more recently as Leader of the Council. It's the city that made

me, and the city in which I've chosen to raise my family. Derby means everything to me.

**How do you plan to make improvements to the city?**

It's a fantastic place, but one which has in recent years been held back by the Conservative Government's policies, particularly austerity, and a series of unstable coalitions on the Council. Long-term planning has proved impossible. That's why it is so exciting that with Labour as the largest party on the Council, and one of the largest Co-operative Party councillor groups of any council in the country, we can make real changes over four years to support our communities.

I'm also honoured to be the Labour & Co-operative Parliamentary Candidate for Derby South. Following in the footsteps of the living legend Margaret Beckett is daunting, but she's been amazingly generous with her time, support and advice. We're also extremely fortunate that we have a vibrant local Co-operative branch in Derby, steered very effectively by Elaine Dean. With a strong Labour & Co-operative presence on the Council, a Labour government, and a Labour & Co-operative

MP along with a Labour MP in Derby North, Catherine Atkinson, after the General Election I'm confident that we can deliver for Derby.

With laser-like focus on the wellbeing of local people, our manifesto has promises that we will deliver in year one, in four years, and with the support of a Labour government. It's also crammed full of co-operative policies, an indication of the Co-operative Party's commitment to well-thought out, practical policies. We've already made strong progress, appointing a cabinet member for prioritising ending child hunger and in the coming years we will support credit unions, create a good landlords charter, revitalise our high streets, invest in renewable energy, and create a wealth building fund. ●

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# NORTHERN IRELAND: ALL ISLAND IRISH CO-OPS BY 2025



**Erskine Holmes**  
Chair, UK Labour in NI

*“It is now recognised that there needs to be an all Island dimension to housing.”*

**T**wo co-op initiatives are very overdue in Ireland. Dail is struggling to catch up with the Credit Unions and Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act (Northern Ireland) 2016. The Northern Ireland Assembly has yet to transform the old Housing QUANGO Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) into a modern mutual of 80,000 homes. Both measures are to pass by Christmas.

There will be all Island potential in both. It is now recognised that there needs to be an all Island dimension to housing. One large housing mutual in the North may lead to mergers of Approved Housing Bodies in the South. The economies of scale demand a production unit is established to create Modular homes quickly and efficiently.

Co-operative housing is more advanced in Republic of Ireland than Northern Ireland and new developments in the four Irish border counties could be part financed by the new Irish Community Share issues and create enthusiasm in Northern border counties. ●

# AMBITION FOR GROWTH IN SCOTLAND



**Cllr Kirsteen Sullivan**  
Labour & Co-operative West Lothian councillor for Whitburn and Blackburn

**I** was in West Calder recently and one imperious Victorian building stands alone, nestled away behind the Main Street. It reminded me of how the Co-operative used to play such a central role in daily life. Now, West Calder & Harburn Community Development Trust is aiming to bring that rich history and heritage back to life by giving the former co-op bakery a new lease of life as a Scottish Co-operative Discovery and Activity Centre. The centre also aims to showcase the co-operative heritage across West Lothian and beyond, the first of its kind in Scotland. In order to raise funds for the project and to gain support from the local community, there will be a community share issue to make this a truly locally owned resource.

We've seen in recent years how global events can have a tremendous impact on local economies, leading to a desire to seek more sustainable and equitable models at a local level. Co-operatives offer a chance to do just that. I am supporting these plans for a Co-operative centre in West Calder but I hope that it will encourage people to look for co-operative solutions to today's problems. I hope that this new centre will encourage visitors to have the ambition to deliver co-operative growth and look for twenty-first century co-op solutions. ●

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# CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING IN WALES



**Mike Hedges MS**  
Labour & Co-operative Member  
of the Senedd for Swansea East

**“Already in Wales, the co-operative housing model has helped develop housing.”**

**W**hilst places as diverse as New York, Scandinavia and Vancouver have substantial co-operative housing the same is not true of Wales and the rest of Britain.

There have been major changes since devolution. Merthyr Valley Homes took control of the former council housing stock and in 2016, tenants voted to create the first tenant and employee mutual housing association.

Already in Wales, the co-operative housing model has helped develop housing. Successes include Dôl Llys Hall situated just outside the historic market town of Llanidloes and Home Farm Village in Cardiff where 41 social rented homes were completed in 2015.

With funding from the Nationwide Foundation and the Welsh Government, Cwmpas' Communities Creating Homes Programme is offering free comprehensive support tailored to each housing scheme. The project is expected to lead to a thriving co-operative and community-led housing sector in Wales which is desperately needed. ●

# GEARING UP FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION



**Emma Hoddinott**  
Assistant General Secretary  
Co-operative Party

**W**e don't know exactly when a general election will be held, but what is certain is that we will be ready when it is!

We know this election will be very different to the previous two snap elections. We have new digital and regional resources coupled with the time to plan for an impactful election. It's an enormous opportunity to contribute to a successful win, with more co-operators elected to Westminster; an increase in our membership and those who support us, and more opportunities for members to be part of the election.

In some sense, the election has already started with over 40 official Labour & Co-operative candidates selected across the country, and strong input into the Labour Party's manifesto process, including a commitment to double the size of the co-operative sector. But we have a lot more to do...

Over the coming months, we will be talking to party councils, branches and members about how we can all work together. From regional campaign days to supporting us online, there will be plenty of opportunities to get involved in this unique moment for our country and our movement. ●

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# TACKLING THE HOUSING CRISIS THROUGH CO-OPERATION



**Daniel Monaghan**  
Policy Officer  
Co-operative Party

Good quality, affordable housing is integral to people's living standards – whether they're owners, co-owners or renters. Unfortunately, this is far away from the current situation – where millions find themselves unable to afford, access or buy good quality housing. Exploitation of renters and leaseholders is an all-too-common story – with increasing amounts of people's earnings going on rent. The next Labour & Co-operative Government will need a plan to deliver higher quality housing across all tenures – providing fitting homes for present and future generations.

Through the Policy Process 2023, our members have provided evidence on how we can tackle the nation's housing crisis. Informed by members lived experiences, the new housing paper focuses on building up tenants' rights, strengthening building regulations, expanding the co-operative housing sector

and ensuring the UK's housing energy efficiency is world leading.

At Annual Conference, we will be presenting the new co-operative agenda for housing. We will have policy proposals for each of the three devolved nations of the UK – ensuring our housing policy is representative of the challenges found in all nations. Join us for Annual Conference in September and come find out more! ●



Making the most of your membership

# EQUALITIES: A STRONGER VOICE



**Jennifer Hemingway**  
Equalities Officer  
Co-operative Party

The Co-operative Party has taken steps to ensure that our commitment to equalities is enshrined at every level – whether that’s diverse member recruitment, elected representatives and our governance. At our AGM in 2022, the Party agreed that as well as having a gender balanced board to also elect members on to our NEC from our equalities groups to further ensure their voices were being heard.

We are pleased to welcome and introduce our Equality Representatives on the Co-operative Party NEC:

- Youth Representative** – Ellie Ormsby
- LGBTQ+ Representative** – Ashley Halstead
- BAME Representative** – Professor Cecile Wright
- (dis)Ability Representative** – Sandra Wilson

We are proud that, for the first time in the history of the Party, we will benefit from their expertise, lived

experience and intersectional approach. They have already been hard at work on the NEC, and we look forward to the inclusive contribution they will bring going forward. ●

To opt-in to any of the Networks, please visit [party.coop/equalities](https://party.coop/equalities)

# Ambition for Change

Co-operative Party Conference 2023

Not able to watch our annual conference live? Don't forget our events are always available to watch on our YouTube channel!

Go to [youtube.com/coopparty](https://youtube.com/coopparty) or search “Co-operative Party” on the YouTube app on your phone, tablet or TV.

## EVENTS: WHAT'S ON!

The Co-operative Party has an extensive programme of events taking place throughout the autumn and into 2024.

### Co-operation Live

Held on Zoom on Wednesday evenings, Co-operation Live events cover a variety of topics highlighting Co-operative Party policy solutions and feature speakers including politicians, policy experts and industry specialists. These online events are a great to find out more on the Party's ongoing campaigning work. They are recorded and available to watch on the Party's YouTube channel

### Candidate Development Programme

Ahead of the 2024 Local Elections, our Candidate Development Programme will deliver regular training and networking opportunities for local government candidates. Details of upcoming sessions can be found at [party.coop/local/candidate/latest](https://party.coop/local/candidate/latest).

### Campaigning ahead of the General Election

As we go into 2024 and draw closer to the General Election, we'll have an exciting programme of events to get involved with. Check back for the latest by visiting [party.coop/events](https://party.coop/events)

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