



54th Annual Conference

Supported by Lincolnshire Co-operative

Consumer Co-operation Today: What Works Well

Friday 24 – Saturday 25 February 2023

Double Tree by Hilton, Brayford Wharf N, Lincoln, UK

Programme outline

Friday 24 February

- 12:00-12:30 *Registration and lunch*
- 12:30-12:40 Welcome
- 12:40-13:30 Keynote 1: Debbie Robinson
- 13:30-15:30 Panel session
- 15:30-17:00 Guided visits
- 17:00-18:30 Networking with debrief on visits
- 18:30-19:00 Free time
- 19:00-21:00 *Conference Dinner*
- 21:00-21:30 After dinner speaker: David Cowell

Saturday 25 February

- 08:30-09:00 Registration and refreshments
- 09:00-09:40 Keynote 2: Tony Webster
- 09:40-10:10 Talk by Paul Gerrard
- 10:10-10:30 Talk by Jeevan Jones
- 10:30-10:45 Talk by Rory Ridley-Duff
- 10:45-11:00 *Break*
- 11:00-13:00 Paper session 1
- 13:00-13:40 *Lunch*
- 13:40-14:00 Book launch session
- 14:00-16:00 Paper session 2
- 16:00-16:10 Conference close

Detailed programme

Friday 24 February

12:00–12:30 **Registration and lunch**

12:30–12:40 **Welcome**

12:40–13:30 **Keynote lecture 1**

Debbie Robinson (CEO, Central Co-op), **"A Members' Owned Business Today"**

Chair: Francesca Gagliardi

13:30–15:30 **Panel session – "Consumer Co-operation: Past, Present and Future"**

Chair: Nick Matthews

Laura Dunne (Head of Marketing and Membership, Lincolnshire Co-op & Member of the Members Council, Co-op Group)

Steve Galjaard (Chief Financial Officer and Acting CEO, Lincolnshire Co-op)

Mark Robinson-Field (Member Participation Manager, Co-op Group)

Tarra Simmons (Head of Community and Democratic Engagement, MidCounties Co-op)

15:30–17:00 **Guided visits to Cornhill Quarter and Science Park**

(Delegates will be assigned to one of the two visits)

17:00–18:30 **Networking with debrief on visits at Double Tree by Hilton**

18:30–19:00 **Free time**

19:00–21:00 **Conference dinner**

21:00–21:30 **After dinner speaker – David Cowell** (Lincolnshire Co-op Board Chair)

Chair: Mike Wistow

Saturday 25 February

08:30–09:00 **Registration and refreshments**

09:00–09:40 **Keynote lecture 2**

Tony Webster (Northumbria University), "**Consumer Co-operation in the 21st Century: Some Examples of Strategic Renewal** "

Chair: Francesca Gagliardi

09:40–10:10 **Paul Gerrard** (Campaigns, Public Affairs & Board Secretariat Director, The Co-operative Group), "**Looking Ahead**"

Chair: Francesca Gagliardi

10:10–10:30 **Jeevan Jones** (Vice-President Business, Performance & Strategy, Co-op Group), "**Member Economic Value**"

Chair: Mike Wistow

10:30–10:45 **Rory Ridley-Duff** (Sheffield Hallam University), "**Report Back on New Co-operatism Seminar Series**"

Chair: Mike Wistow

10:45–11:00 **Break**

11:00–13:00 **Paper session 1**

Chair: Rory Ridley-Duff

Katharine McCrossan (University of Glasgow), "**Talking Shop? The Co-operative Independent Commission and the Movement in Scotland**"

Andrew Bibby (Independent), "**Co-operative Housing Initiatives before the 1919 Addison Act** "

Claude-André Guillothe (University of Sherbrooke), "**The Impact of COVID-19 on Canadian Co-operatives and Mutuals: Lessons Learned**"

Roger Spear (Roskilde University & The Open University), "**Governance in Retail Societies**"

13:00–13:40 **Lunch**

13:40–14:00 **Book Launch – Andrew Bibby, *These Houses Are Ours: Co-operative and Community Led Housing Alternatives, 1870 - 1919*** (Gritstone Social History, 2023)

14:00–16:00 **Paper session 2**

Chair: Nick Matthews

Francesca Gagliardi (University of Hertfordshire) & **Rory Ridley Duff** (Sheffield Hallam University), "**Co-operative Values, Principles and Sustainable Development**"

Steve Graby (University of Leeds), "**Disabled People's Personal Assistance Co-operatives: An Overlooked Form of Consumer Co-op with Radical Potential?**"

Lakshmi Jayan (Sree Narayana College, India), **Abilash Unny** (Price Waterhouse Coopers LLP, UK) & **Raju G** (University of Kerala (India), "**Consumer Cooperative Playbook (CCP): A Knowledge Sharing Digital Platform**"

16:00–16:10 **Conference close**