

Principle FIVE

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Yorkshire Co-operative Resource Centre

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Independent Labour Publications

Our friends at the ILP have published many thought provoking articles on their website over the years. Some of them are of particular interest to co-co-operators. You can find reviews of all of the Principle 5 publications and articles by our own Chris Olewicz on the website [HERE](#)

Some years ago, I read an excellent book:

‘Edward Carpenter and Late Victorian Radicalism’ edited by Tony Brown. There is a chapter in it by Martin Wright, which inspired me to write:

'Robert Blatchford, the Clarion and Socialism as a Way of Life' this was published by the ILP and you can read it [**HERE**](#)

The ILP was founded in 1893 on the initiative of local socialists, mainly from Scotland and the north of England and encouraged by such national figures as [Keir Hardie](#) (editor of the *Labour Leader*) and [Robert Blatchford](#).

The ILP (Independent Labour Party) changed its name and constitution in 1975, becoming Independent Labour Publications (ILP). You can read about the politics of the ILP

[**HERE**](#)

The website is:

<https://www.independentlabour.org.uk/>

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Sustainable Energy

"The May 2024 meeting of Principle 5's Committee heard of progress in retro-fitting with co-operative initiative [SYEcofit](#). A recent Festival of Debate meeting had been held regarding retrofit of housing which is a key part of the Region achieving Net Zero. The meeting had around 90 attendees from the general public and construction professionals. The meeting also covered how retrofit could also be a key part of Community Wealth Building. The panel included an architect working with a fuel poor area in Nottingham, a member of [People Powered Retrofit](#), a community retrofit company from Manchester and a speaker from the Centre for Local Economic Strategies.

All stressed the importance of community involvement in retrofit and also how community ownership can deliver results.

A joint bid for funding exploring the feasibility of farm scale hydrogen production, anaerobic digestion and solar and wind power had been submitted by [Sheffield Renewables](#) and [SYEcofit](#) to the Community Energy Fund in collaboration with a local farmer. Decarbonisation of agriculture was an important part of reducing emissions as well as generating sustainable income for farmers. The bid also included support from university departments and local businesses involved in green technology."

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The People's Palace of Possibility

Danum Gallery, Library and Museum, Doncaster

28 June - 14 July 2024

Wednesday - Sunday

11am - 4pm

The Palace is an outdoor installation which asks how we find energy for the future, despite the fear and anger we feel today. It is about our desire to escape, and the urgent need to do something radically different.

The Palace travels around the country and it's always growing. Right now it has a radio station, a kitchen, a pantry, and an escape hatch. The Palace is added to and animated by people wherever it goes. At Danum GLM it will host live music, live radio stations, feasts, and lots more!

Join us for a meal, a conversation, and a howl of rage this summer.

You can explore the installation every Wednesday – Sunday, 11am – 4pm. Or check out their full listings of events, including street parties, shared meals, and performances

<https://palacearchive.co.uk/doncaster/>

Of Pigeons and Peas

Of Pigeons and Peas will explore the histories and futures of the Manor Allotments. This storytelling project seeks to uncover and celebrate the working-class histories of allotments as sites of community-building, well-being, connection with nature and animals, and growing.

Between May 2024 and October 2024, [the Bare Project](#) in collaboration with [The Manor and Castle Development Trust](#) and community participants, will curate a series of workshops for local people to uncover local history and stories about the Manor Allotments on [Manor Fields Park](#). We will think about the future of these sites in response to both environmental change and the increasing food poverty within East Sheffield.

The project will culminate in a community celebration which is likely to include an outdoor feast and sharing of the historical and anecdotal stories that they have unearthed.

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Co-operative broadband and email services

A good example of Principle 6 'co-operation among co-ops'

When [Your Coop Broadband](#) - formerly known as The Phone Co-op - decided to stop providing email services to its broadband customers, a consortium of tech co-ops came up with a way to keep the services running. Sheffield-based co-operative [Webarchitects](#) working with Mediablaze and Community Broadband Network has set up a new venture called [mail.coop](#) by agreement with Midcounties Co-operative, which runs Your Coop Broadband.

[mail.coop](#) offers Your Coop Broadband users a way to keep their email address for a small annual fee.

Phone Coop broadband users were given email addresses in the form:

[name@myphone.coop](#) and [name@phoncoop.coop](#)

But there are also users of addresses originally provided by Poptel, which merged with The Phone Coop in 2003 - for example: [name@cooptel.net](#) and [name@poptel.org](#).

The [mail.coop](#) venture has been set up as part of a new initiative called [Innovation.coop](#) which provides a framework for collaborative ventures of this nature. It's a great example of the 6th principle - co-operatives working together. Anyone who uses one of these addresses should have received a communication from Your Coop Broadband. If you want to keep your email address and have not yet taken action you can order a new mailbox at:

<https://mail.coop>

Suggestions for newsletter content are always welcome,
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