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Yorkshire Co-operative Resource Centre

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[Webarchitects](#) host our Information Tech facilities including the Co-operative News online index.

[Co-operative News Index](#)

The on-line index can be searched at:

<https://www.coopnews.principle5.coop/>

Principle 5 has indexed the editions of Co-operative News which we hold in our archive (between 18th March 1997 and 28th October 2008). That is 188 editions. This means that anyone can search online. Every article in these editions has been indexed. Have a look at the site. If there is

anything which you want to read, let me know the edition, page number and article headline, and I will scan the article and send it to you by email. steve@sheffield.coop

The indexing is ongoing. We plan to index the editions up to the point where Co-op News went online in February 2017.

Co-operative news was indexed for around 50 years from its first edition in 1871. It had not been indexed since the First World War.

Co-operative News became a monthly magazine from February 2017. Since that date, articles can be searched and read on the Co-op News website:

<https://www.thenews.coop/uk/>

To access online editions of Co-operative News from January 2006, and support the organisation's independent co-operative journalism, please consider joining Co-op News as a member: www.thenews.coop/membership

Principle 5 has almost all of the paper editions of Co-op News since the first edition in 1871. See the reference section in our catalogue:

<https://www.principle5.coop/archives>

For the history of Co-op News see:

<https://www.thenews.coop/other/history/>

Anyone can become a member, for info see:

<https://www.thenews.coop/become-a-member/>



Festival of debate

2024

16 April - 25 May

full programme can be downloaded:

HERE

Dr John Carlisle will be conducting one of the events
'The Red Blue Experience'

Tue 23rd April 2024
6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Cemetery Road Baptist Church

for more information see:

<https://festivalofdebate.com/2024/the-red-blue-experience>

Principle 5 Research Projects

Equipment of the Workers.

In 1918 Arnold Freeman he became founding Warden of the Sheffield Educational Settlement in Shipton Street, Upperthorpe, Sheffield, at first under the YMCA and later under a Council that included notable local figures. It was part of the university [Settlement movement](#), which "sought to bring education, improvement and hope to the lives of the poor and socially disadvantaged in the decades before the development of the Welfare State following the Second World War. The early decades of the Sheffield Settlement coincided with the serious hardship of the post-First World War era, typified by the Depression and mass unemployment."

Equipment of the Workers was a survey led by Arnold Freeman in 1918 on behalf of the Settlement. Its purpose was to ascertain the adequacy of the adult manual workers for the discharge of their responsibilities as head of households, producers and citizens. It covered a disadvantaged area of Sheffield 'the Crofts'. The results of the survey were published in 1919 and can be downloaded [HERE](#)

Arnold Freeman left 127 boxes of his papers to the Sheffield University Library. A group of Principle 5 members have started to look at these documents. Some of the questions that might be asked are:

- 1) What exactly were the conclusions to each part of the inquiry? What did they find out?
- 2) Were there any other similar studies undertaken?

- 3) In what ways have the conclusions reached in Equipment of the Workers been addressed?
- 4) Which have not been addressed.
- 5) Which were addressed at some point but there has now been slippage?
- 6) Did anyone read Equipment of the Workers?
- 7) What did it lead to?
- 8) Why weren't 'Education of the Workers' and 'Environment of the Workers' completed?
- 9) Is it relevant and useful in today's world, and how can it be used in the best possible way?

If anyone would like to join this research group let me know whether you would like to partake remotely by email or meet up in person. steve@sheffield.coop

The Co-operative Movement Research Group

To examine:

- The Co-operative Movement at its zenith
 - The Co-operative Culture with reference to 'auxiliaries' and support organisations.
 - The debate about the two socialisms
1. Centralised (top down). National and Municipal delivery of services, nationalisation, municipalisation.
 2. Collective self-help (ground up). Co-operative, social, cultural, community. Consumer co-operatives v Producer (worker) co-operatives.
 - The decline of consumer co-operation
 - The rise of the Co-operative Group
 - The fall of the Co-operative Group
 - The re-birth of co-operation

- Co-operative educational facilities and other support organisations
- Imagining the Co-operative Commonwealth
- Towards the Co-operative Commonwealth
- Security and accessibility of quality food the co-operative way.

Co-operative Auxileries

Women's Co-operative Guild – Co-operative Women's Guild
National Guild of Co-operators

British Federation of Young Co-operators

UK Society for Co-operative Studies

The Co-operative Party

Co-operatives UK

Co-operative Press

The Co-operative College

Woodcraft Folk

Men's Co-operative Guild

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National Co-operative Archive

co-operative groups associated with retail societies such as rambling, drama, choirs, educational councils etc.

red – no longer active

black – active

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There are still some copies of
Universal Basic Income
available

Members are always welcome to visit the
resource centre. We look forward to seeing you.

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