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Yorkshire Co-operative Resource Centre
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Principle 5 Pamphlets

The six pamphlets which we have published help to inform and hopefully inspire the public, and members of Principle 5 by bringing back to life writings of excellent quality which have been long forgotten. Two of them, *The Future of Co-operation* and *Co-operative Production* are directly about Co-operation, one *consumer* and the other *workers*. All of them help to connect us to a time when there was a great deal of community energy amongst co-operators and socialists being put to helping society to be free of the shackles of a privatised economy.

Independent Labour Publications (ILP) have kindly written short reviews of our pamphlets:

[Sheffield and Socialism](#)

[Co-operative Production](#)

[The Future of Co-operation](#)

[Six Years of Labour Rule in Sheffield](#)
(1926 -1931)

[Universal Basic Income](#)

Transitions to Freedom by Edward Carpenter

and our latest

Co-operators, Radicals, Workers

Essays from Holberry Society for the Study of Sheffield Labour History



Universal Basic Income
and
Co-operators, Radicals, Workers
are £5 each and are still available. They can be purchased from

The Famous Sheffield Shop
and
La Biblioteka

and direct from the Resource Centre. Contact:
steve@sheffield.coop

PDFs of our past publications including the four editions of the Sheffield Co-operator can be downloaded from the Principle 5 website.

A New National Organisation for Workers Co-ops

Worker co-operatives enable workers to unite and collectively advance their economic, social, and cultural interests.

[workers.coop](https://www.workers.coop) have come together to build a more equitable and sustainable world. Valuing collaboration, solidarity and care for each other, our communities, and our planet. Together making work decent, and empowering people to shape their own destiny.

<https://www.workers.coop/>

Workers Co-op Autumn Assembly 2024 will be held in Sheffield

The Autumn Assembly brings together worker co-ops from across the UK to build on liberating work, celebrate what we've achieved and identify future opportunities.

Wednesday 30th October 2024

**Victoria Hall
Norfolk St
Sheffield
S1 2JB**

Find out more and register [Here](#)

This event has a limited capacity. To ensure your place, book now on a first come, first serve basis.

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The Principle 5 Library is being re-organised in order to accommodate a collection of books and documents about worker's co-operation. This Collection is being donated to Principle 5 by The Open University. These books will be a valuable addition to the Library, particularly as most of our resources cover the consumer co-operative movement. This is true also of the National Co-operative Archive at Holyoake House.

This may cause some disruption for users of the Library until the new books are assimilated into the Library.

Some workers Co-operatives in Yorkshire

Footprint Workers Co-op - Leeds

Lembas - Sheffield's Vegetarian and Vegan Wholefoods Wholesale + Down to Earth Community Supplies.

Beansies Wholefoods

Sheffield Fruit Trees

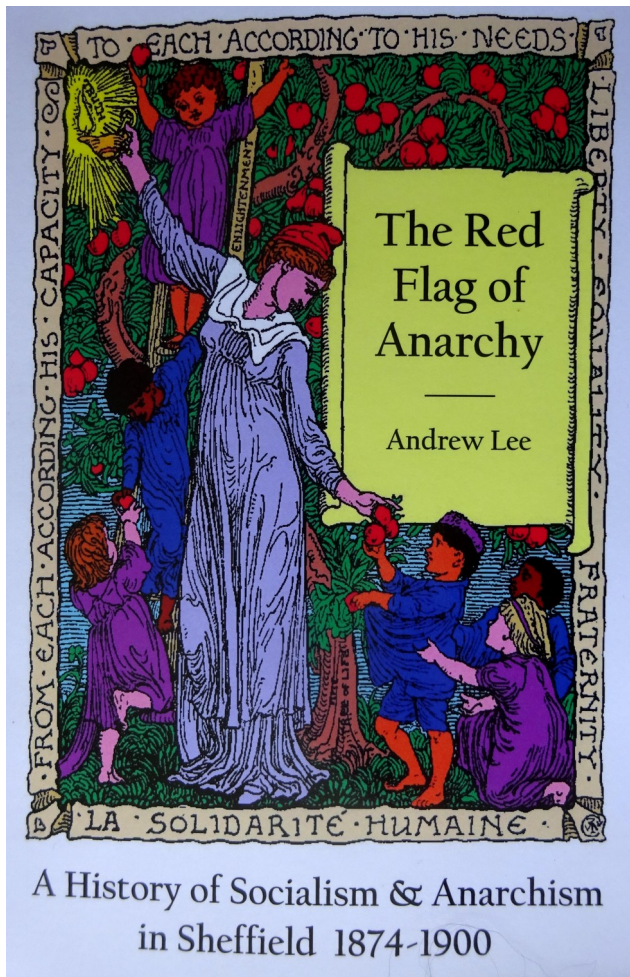
Pedal Ready Co-operative

and

Webarchitects Co-op which is a multi-stakeholder Co-op

The Red Flag of Anarchy

This interesting book by Andy Lee, [The Red Flag of Anarchy](#) is well referenced and illustrated. It tells the story of the early socialists and anarchists in Sheffield and covers the times described in [Sheffield and Socialism](#) by Edward Carpenter. It also throws light on the events surrounding the early communes in Sheffield and supplements Sally Goldsmith's book [Thirteen Acres](#): John Ruskin and the Topley Communists.



It was an incredible time in Sheffield. Notable socialists and anarchists like Edward Carpenter, John Sketchley, Sir Raymond Unwin, Dr John Creaghe and David Nicoll, moved to Sheffield and augmented the already blossoming socialist movement.

They tried new ways of living and working, four different colonies were attempted during the period, the Totley Colony, Moorhay, St. George's Farm and the Norton Community Colony.

They also set up two of the most interesting groups in the country, the Sheffield Socialist Society and the Sheffield Anarchist Group. These and other Sheffield groups had cafés, clubs and bookshops, and spent their time speaking to the masses at outdoor meetings.

This book looks at the development of socialism in Sheffield, before the formation of the Labour Party and before the horrors of the twentieth century.

Suggestions for newsletter content are always welcome,
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