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Principle 5 Yorkshire Co-operative Resource Centre

December 2024



International Year of Cooperatives

Cooperatives Build a Better World

On the 19th June 2024, the United Nations General Assembly officially proclaimed 2025 as the International Year of Cooperatives (IYC) through [Resolution A/RES/78/289](#) under the sponsorship of Mongolia and Kenya. This initiative underscores cooperatives' vital role in advancing sustainable development, eradicating poverty, and fostering inclusive economic growth.

The theme of the year, “cooperatives build a better world”, underscores the enduring global impact of cooperatives, positioning them as essential solutions to today’s global challenges. It highlights their contributions to sustainable development across social, economic, and environmental dimensions, showing how cooperatives are key drivers in achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. The theme also emphasizes the unique ability of cooperatives to foster inclusive growth and strengthen community resilience.

Resolution [A/RES/78/289](#) is available for download in all UN languages:

[العربية](#) [中文](#) [English](#) [Français](#) [Русский](#) [Español](#).

See also: <https://2025.coop/>

Principle 5 AGM

Wednesday 15th January 2025

3.30pm.

Aizlewood's Mill. The Mike Bower Boardroom.

Members are invited to visit the Resource Centre on the AGM Day

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Media Co-op among winners at Social Enterprise Awards Scotland.

The Glasgow-based worker co-op, which recently celebrated its 20th anniversary, has produced more than 1,000 films.

Media Co-op was awarded the new IDBM Impact Award, introduced for 2024 which recognises a co-operative or employee-owned business that exemplify inclusive and democratic business practices.

The Glasgow-based worker co-op, which recently celebrated its 20th anniversary, creates films, animation, graphic design, photography and digital media for the third sector and broadcast television, and also offers training. It has produced more than a 1,000 films, and recently donated 200 of its pieces to the National Library of Scotland Moving Image Archive.

See article in Co-op News by Miles Hadfield

<https://www.thenews.coop/media-co-op-among-winners-at-social-enterprise-awards-scotland/>

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DotCoop's latest project: a world map for co-ops

The map uses open software to merge data from numerous organisations around the world

See article in Co-op News by Anca Voinea. 3rd October 2024

<https://www.thenews.coop/dotcoops-latest-project-a-world-map-for-co-ops>

The Co-operative Bank for the first time in its history will become a mutual. It has been bought by Coventry Building Society and completion is expected in January 2025. The bank was formed in 1872 as the Loan and Deposit Department of the CWS, becoming the CWS Bank four years later. It became a PLC in 1971, wholly owned by the CWS (later the Co-operative Group).

For the latest information see:

<https://www.coventrybuildingsociety.co.uk/member/important-update.html>



Yorkshire Co-operative Resource Centre

Education has always been a fundamental part of the Co-operative Movement. This principle is formalised in the International Co-operative Alliance's Statement of Co-operative identity

The Fifth Principle: Education, Training and Information

Our co-operative was founded in 2013 with the purpose of furthering the understanding of the Co-operative Movement amongst activists and the general public. It is open to anyone who wishes to use our facilities either in the Lending Library and Archive, or online.

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