

# WAYS FORWARD 2: CO-OPERATIVE RENEWAL

In response to emerging events Co-operative Business Consultants are organising an independent conference – open to all and building on the success of a similar event held earlier this year.

That conference demonstrated the need for co-operators to have the opportunity to freely discuss successes, weaknesses and alternative strategies on an equal footing, in a solution focused environment.



## Key note speakers include:

**Sir Graham Melmoth**  
former Co-op Group CEO

**Stefania Marcone** Legacoop, Italy tbc

**Patrick Gray** Midcounties Co-operative

**Peter Couchman** Plunkett Foundation

**Jo Bird** Co-op Business Consultants

**Vivian Woodell** The Phone Co-op

**Frances Coppola** financial writer

The event is at:  
Central Hall, Oldham Street  
Manchester M1 1JQ

## **Tickets: £40 incl VAT**

Lunch and refreshments included. There are some bursary places for volunteers under 24, and co-operators based outside the UK. A late booking fee of £10 will be charged after 8th May.

## **To book places visit:**

[www.cooperativerenewal.eventbrite.com](http://www.cooperativerenewal.eventbrite.com)

## **What do we hope to achieve?**

We believe a revitalised co-operative movement is possible.

Ways Forward 2: Co-operative Renewal conference will provide space for honest and open debates necessary to face up to serious challenges and opportunities for co-operatives in the 21st century.

## **The conference will concentrate discussion on several key challenges:**

- Governance in co-operative businesses
- Investment in new and developing co-operative businesses
- Democratic, multi-channel, member engagement and control
- Sharing best practice and resources with the international co-operative movement
- Inter-trade between co-operatives
- Effective strategies for social inclusion with the co-operative movement
- Living wage and salary differentials

## **Who Should Attend?**

**Members of co-operatives, credit unions or trade unions**

All conference goers are invited to a pre-conference dinner on Thursday 15 May at 6pm at the 8th Day co-op cafe, 111 Oxford Road, M1 7DU.

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