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News #24: Summer roundup

We're excited to share news with you from some of our federation members in this roundup as the summer draws to a close, including important upcoming dates.



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Welcome back!

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Now individuals can become registered supporters by joining our sister organisation, [Solidfund](#).

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Announcements

AGM 30 September 📄

The workers.coop AGM will be held online on Tuesday 30 September, 5-6pm. Member proposals can be submitted to secretary@workers.coop. More details [here](#).

Nominations open for the workers.coop Board

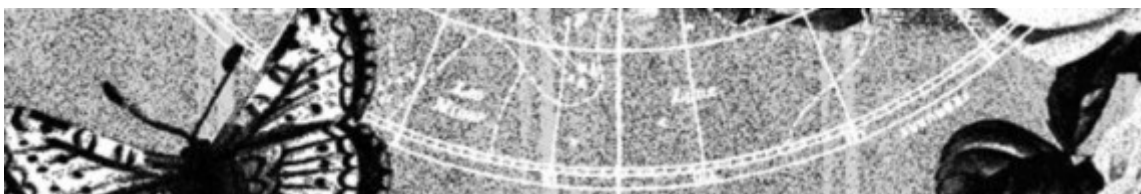
The Board is looking for new directors to join it. Elections will be held during the AGM. Further details including what to expect and next steps can be found [here](#).

Autumn Assembly 19-21 November, Glasgow 🇪🇺

Save the date for the upcoming in-person gathering this November and expect a warm welcome from Scottish cooperatives! An email with more details will be sent soon.

Introducing Talent Match - internships at worker co-ops

At Worker Co-op Weekend we heard from Loughborough University and [Re-organise!](#) about their [Talent Match](#) programme ([slides](#) from the session) where businesses run 50-100hr funded (wages only) internships supported by LU. The session was hosted by [Re-organise!](#) a project interested in promoting worker co-operatives within HE. The session was positive and revealed there are similar programmes in lots of universities. It seems there are lots of ways workers.coop members could benefit from universities by linking with their careers and academic services. The internships run Feb-April 2026 with selection in August-November/December 2025. This means co-ops interested should put together briefs from now. Sean from [BBF/Re-organise!](#) will host two drop-in sessions ([3 Sept](#) & [10 Sept](#)) to tell you more and help create briefs – there was a discussion about coordinating them between co-ops if possible. Please email S.Farmelo@lboro.ac.uk if you can't make the meeting but are interested.





News Shorts

Stir to Action is active as always in the policy space. Their Centre for Democratic Business is running a conference in London on 11th September, [Rebuilding the Social Club Movement](#). Workers' stake and leading role in the fight to reverse the decline of clubs and venues is a hot issue for us and many of our members, so we'll be there. And look out for Stir's [Democratic Business Summit](#) on 4th November, in Glasgow, a couple of weeks before our own Autumn Assembly in the city.

Lembas is hiring! Co-op Member - Production/Warehousing (Sheffield). You can read more about Lembas, the job & potential to become a co-op member on their website [here](#).

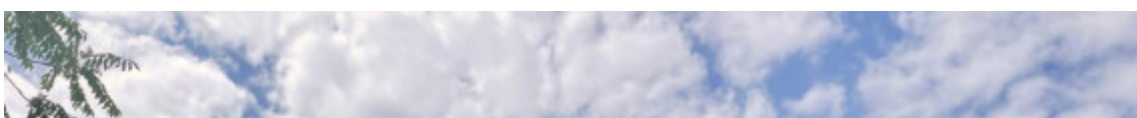
workers.coop's tech industry circle CoTech has revamped its visual identity, manifesto and website. Members including [Outlandish](#), [Creative Co-op](#), [Agile Collective](#), [Jarrow Insights](#), [Asterisk Labs](#), [Common Knowledge](#), [Co-op Web](#), [Media Co-op](#) and [Web Architects](#) were in strength at Co-op Congress in Rochdale, promoting worker co-op tech services and products. Chris from Web Architects, Maria from Agile and Violetta from our event sponsor [domains.coop](#) joined a panel with the blogger, journalist & sci-fi author **Cory Doctorow on the theme 'Why aren't we in control of our own tech?'** - [full video here](#).



No Sweat's fundraising campaign to support the work that they do and build worker power has about a month left, and if you donate you can receive a beautiful reward. This is part of a drive to increase their capacity for their anti-sweatshirt organising work, and transform into a workers' co-operative. Read more [here](#).

We've turned member contributions into a Resource on Palestine solidarity for worker co-ops. Following the session at the Worker Co-op Weekend, organised by [Infinity Foods](#) members, we heard about different ways co-ops are already practising international solidarity, including the benefits of raising proposals even where there might not be full support initially. The Resource contains a list of practical actions that can be taken based on what others have done. If you have anything to add, or have links with cooperatives in Palestine that the network can support, get in touch.

In July, Cooperation Town hosted Cooperation Day, a 'taking control' themed mix of workshops, debate and play at their operations hub and community garden in Kentish Town, London, to mark the International Day and UN Year of Cooperatives. Principle Six, workers.coop, Nanny Solidarity Network, Kitty's Launderette, Co-op Town, Kin and other comrades contributed to open sessions on Work, Housing and Money, with around 45-50 people participating at each session. The discussions and the weather were warm, new friendships and collaborations were formed - and some challenges for future organising identified.





Events

Talent Match drop-in

3 September, 9.00-9.30am (online)

This is the first of two drop-in sessions. Come along to find out about Talent Match and how your worker co-op can benefit. This is a programme of funded internships for students, on offer from Loughborough Uni. Re-Organise! is a project promoting worker co-operation within HE. Internships would run Feb-April 2026. More info [here](#).

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10 September, 9.00-9.30am (online)

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Communications working group meeting

15 September, 3.30-5pm (online)

For members who would like to join, we meet monthly on the 3rd Monday, email solidarity@workers.coop. If you can help out, our capacity has dropped over the summer and we're looking for a new member who can take on a group role. No work is needed between meetings so it's a fairly low commitment. No experience needed, just commitment!

International working group

17 September (online)

Email yd.lobarev@radcop.online to find out timings and how to join.

Givers' Gain business networking - September online session

24 September, 12noon-1.30pm (online)

For workers.coop members, cooperators, supporters and independent workers. 'Givers Gain' structured word of mouth marketing is the most effective way to learn about each others' businesses and commercial goals, find partners and generate new trading opportunities. Register [here](#).

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Tuesday 30 September, 5-6.30pm (online)

Open to enterprise members and individual members, we will also be finalising Board elections. Info [here](#).

Who's the Boss? Algorithmic management & the Cooperative perspective - Webinar

30 September, 14:00-16:30 (CET) (online)

As algorithms increasingly shape how work is organised, who decides, humans or code? Join us for an inspiring online training exploring what algorithmic management is (and isn't) and how to counter it. Cooperatives are at the forefront of human-centered tech. A must for anyone interested in fair tech, worker voice, and the future of work. Details [here](#).

Co-tech Autumn Gathering

3 October, 10am-6pm (Oxford)

We've had a few months of exciting CoTech activity, including a rebrand, appearances at Co-ops Congress, news of new funding, and our spring event in Space4. Our goal for the event is to explore ways to **generate more work for CoTech members in 2026**. There will be two work tracks, and time for networking and collaborating. Ticket & registration [here](#).

Workshop 'A necessary nuisance? Business insurance demystified'

9 October, 12 noon- 1pm (online)

Matt Parry explains what worker co-ops need to know about getting the most effective, best value business insurance, and answers members' questions. Please note this event has been put back from its original scheduled date of September 5th. Register [here](#).

Co-op Support & Development group meeting

16 October, 3.30-5pm

This is the Co-op Support and Development working group meeting of workers.coop. If you're interested in helping provide specialist co-op support, services, training, networking to grow more worker co-ops, you're welcome along. Email caleb@principlesix.coop.

Bristol/Southwest co-op meetup

19 October, Cafe Kino (time tbc)

We've started to organise a Bristol / Southwest meet-up on Sunday 19th October. It will be a social followed by a film screening. If anyone is interested in attending find details [here](#).

Birmingham co-op meetup - Autumn

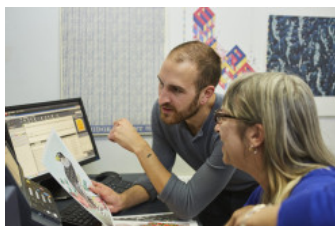
21 October, 6.30-8.30pm (Stirchley Baths)

Held on Tuesday evenings once a quarter, led by local worker co-ops. Details [here](#).

Autumn Assembly

19-21 November, Glasgow

Save the date! We'll soon be announcing three days of activities from Thursday through to Saturday, from supporting the creation of new co-ops in focus industries to sessions looking at developing the federation's services for member co-ops. Plus socials, food and lots of fun.



Resources

Here's some resources on sociocracy and governance, shared by member [A Fairer Society](#) (thank you!).

- **Free Sociocracy Basics self-study course** available [here](#) (scroll down to bottom of page).
- **"Leader as game designer" - Guide for people wanting to think more about leadership in a cooperative**, available [here](#).
- **Guide on 'PowerUP with Consent: Why Consent is the Foundation of Healthy Power in a Cooperative —and How to Make it an Ingredient in Your Worker Co-op's Success'** (Nathaniel Whitestone).

For more, [sign-up](#) to A Fairer Society's "workplace transformation" newsletter.

If you have shareable resources for other co-ops we can include in Newsletters, email solidarity@workers.coop.





Get involved

Each quarter we update members about the areas the federation needs most support with. This quarter workers.coop needs:

- Board nominations
- attendance by members at the 30th September AGM
- the Comms working group needs new members

Other ways for members to get involved:

- **workers.coop Inductions.** 15 minute inductions to the federation and how to get involved. Starting again soon, email solidarity@workers.coop to book.
- **Confused about what you can access as a member? Get set up with a worker co-op federation log-in account** so you can access member resources, join discussions and access online e-learning modules. Email solidarity@workers.coop to book.
- **Please submit a case study of your co-op.** Fill out [this form](#) [10 minutes]. This is really helpful to others looking to start a co-op, and to showcase the diversity of businesses that can be worker-run.
- See the **Get Involved** section of the website for a breakdown of how you can be engaged as a member, take on a task or role or join a working group.





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T-shirts available! For £20 incl. p&p, bulk discounts. Printed by No Sweat. White/black. Order by emailing sion@principlesix.coop.

Order free worker co-op materials. You can also download PDF printable versions of the Resources [here](#).

- Worker Co-op Codes
- "Worker What?!!" - A6 educational booklet
- A6 intro postcards/flyers (good for stalls or noticeboards)
- A2 worker cooperation posters - choice of 4 anti-work slogans with beautiful image
- Pin badges

Order merch here



A shoutout to our 400+ amazing individual supporters from [Worker Co-op Solidarity Fund](#) (Solidfund). Last year, Solidfund and workers.coop made a landmark agreement to support each other, and collaborate as sister organisations to expand our network of contributors and registered supporters. In 2025, we're seeing this really take shape, and before the end of the year we hope to launch an ambitious strategy for growth.

If you're a Solidfund contributor, but not yet signed up to take part in Solidfund's discuss-and-decide members' group on Loomio, email membership@solidfund.coop to ask for an invitation.

Feel free to submit news shorts or make your asks here - just [get in touch with Mira](#)

[Read more](#) in Solidfund's discuss-and-decide Loomio Group, including some of the worker co-op projects they've supported recently, at home and overseas.

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