



FORTNIGHT

22 JUNE - 5 JULY 2020

**LET'S BUILD
SOMETHING
BETTER
TOGETHER**



#KeepCooperating

Plymouth City Council has pledged to take part in Co-op Fortnight 2020 and promote the **'Acts of Co-operation'** being carried out across the city.

Join us for two weeks of mass co-operation from 22 June to 5 July 2020 to spread the Co-op word and share the values that make our businesses different.

To find out more about making your own Co-op Fortnight pledge, please visit:

<https://www.uk.coop/uniting-co-ops/events-calendar/co-op-fortnight-2020>

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ACTIVITY/HOST	DESCRIPTION	WHEN	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
<p>Coops UK</p>	<p>Promoting Co-operative Fortnight 2020</p> <p>Last year, in 2019, we encouraged people to come together in two weeks of mass co-operation. In a practical demonstration of our shared co-operative values, co-ops worked together to protect community spaces, hold cooking and gardening activities, host celebration events and spread acts of kindness and co-operation in their communities.</p> <p>The theme for 2020 is #KeepCooperating, as we harness the changed behaviour that we've seen during the COVID19 pandemic, and encourage people to #KeepCooperating.</p> <p>In 2021 the theme will be #JoinACoop - providing an opportunity to celebrate our members, spread the word about the benefits of membership and encourage people across the UK to #JoinACoop</p>		<p>https://www.uk.coop/fortnight/get-involved</p>

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Coops UK	<p>Co-op Economy 2020</p> <p>A report on the UK's co-operative sector. To #BuildBackBetter from COVID-19 we need more co-ops and we've compelling evidence in our latest Co-op Economy report.</p> <p>The report reveals that co-op new-starts are almost twice as likely to survive the first five years. The Co-op Economy is the nation's only comprehensive report on the UK's co-operative sector. It reveals turnover, membership and employee figures for thousands of co-op businesses across the UK.</p>	30 June	https://www.uk.coop/sites/default/files/uploads/attachments/co-op_economy_2020_0.pdf

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Co-operative College	<p>Co-operative College Union Co-op solutions.</p> <p>A very special online event to mark the launch of Union Co-ops UK:A Manifesto for Decent Work.</p>	2 July	https://webmail.plymouth.gov.uk/PC/CIimages/Stay_Connected.jpg
International Co-ops Day 2020	<p>The 25th United Nations INTERNATIONAL DAY OF COOPERATIVES and the 96th International Cooperative Day is on 4 July 2020.</p> <p>On #InternationalDayofCooperatives, with the theme of #Coops4ClimateChange, learn all about the work @plymenergycom are doing to create a fair, affordable, zero carbon energy system</p>	4 July	See PEC entry on Page 11

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<p>Four Greens Community Trust</p>	<p>Four Greens Community Trust decided from the outset that there was a need for a community response to the Covid 19 pandemic to be co – ordinated and within a week had formed a partnership with (1) Salvation Army (2) St Chads Church (3) Whitleigh Big Local</p> <p>This partnership has also been supported by the Argyle Community Trust, Barefoot Arts and most recently Timebank</p>		<p>Find out more on:</p> <p>Website: https://www.fourgreens.org Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/4GCTPIymouth Twitter: https://twitter.com/4gcthub</p>
<p>McCaren Architecture</p>	<p>In celebration of this year's #CoopFortnight, McCaren Architecture are offering an informal zoom chat to share their informal experience to any SMEs who are considering becoming an employee owned cooperative and would like to have a chat about how they got there.</p>		<p>If you're curious about the human side of becoming a co-op – the ups, the downs, the dead ends and frustrations, as well as the delights - book an informal coffee break zoom chat with the McCaren team by contacting Hilary Kolinsky hilary@mccaren-aia.co.uk. #KeepCooperating</p>

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<p>Lipson Co-operative Academy</p>	<p>6 week around the world challenge</p> <p>Lipson's challenge – To walk, run, row, cycle 40,075km around the world in 6 weeks.</p> <p>The rationale for the challenge is to encourage Physical Activity to help develop physical and mental wellbeing in these troubling times but also to further develop the strong Lipson and Plymouth community spirit. Our hope was to engage the community despite these current difficult times. The response so far has been incredible with many of our local primaries joining us.</p>	<p>25 June</p>	<p>They have a Live distance update if you would like to take a look at how they are getting on at the minute.</p>

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<p>Food Plymouth 'Growing Community Abundance' report</p>	<p>Growing Community Abundance (GCA) was a Food Plymouth project, funded principally by the Big Lottery Community Fund Awards for All scheme.</p> <p>The intention of Growing Community Abundance was to enable Plymouth people in and around community growing projects to develop the knowledge, skills and confidence necessary to support the established, emerging and latent community growing initiatives across the city. This aligned strongly with Plymouth's journey towards Sustainable Food Places silver status www.sustainablefoodplaces.org</p>	<p>26 June</p>	<p>This report was authored by project manager Tess Wilmot and Food Plymouth CIC director Ian Smith, with contributions from the GCA community growers and representatives of partner organisations.</p> <p>www.foodplymouth.org</p>
<p>Employee Ownership Day</p>	<p>This year's theme – EO is the Answer!</p> <p>9am #EOIsTheAnswer Events: Before and after Employee Ownership: The Why's and the How's – BFG Associates & The Rooflight Company</p> <p>11am #EOIsTheAnswer Events: How to Build Back Better: Employee Ownership is the Answer – EOA</p> <p>1pm The Big #EOIsTheAnswer Quiz</p>	<p>26 June</p>	<p>EO Day is the national celebration of employee ownership and all things employee owned in the UK. It brings together the EO sector and supporters to celebrate and raise awareness of the impact employee ownership has on individuals, businesses and the wider economy.</p> <p>eoday@employeeownership.co.uk</p>

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Nudge Market	Nudge Community Builders will be hosting a Facebook Live from their market at 12pm – watch along on their page: https://www.facebook.com/nudgecommunitybuilders	27 June	
Stephen Scown solicitors	Christian Wilson Webinar - Employee Ownership 11.30am to 12.15pm	30 June	Demystifying Employee Ownership. More details to follow

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<p>Real Ideas Organisation (RIO)</p>	<p>Informal speaker seminar, followed by Q+A. Hosted by Lindsey Hall with the following panel:</p> <p>Hilary Kolinsky – McCaren Architects Representative – COOPS UK Representative – Nudge Community Builders Ed Whitelaw – Real Ideas</p>	<p>2 July</p>	<p>Over the last 6 months the Coronavirus has brought to light many things within our society that are broken or unfit for purpose, one being the fragility of our current economic systems. The way we currently do business treats people unfairly, exacerbates inequality, and damages the natural world.</p> <p>In response to the pandemic people, communities, and businesses have come together, working collaboratively to find innovative solutions to the problems they face.</p>
<p>Call 4 Fish Breakfast</p>	<p>Call 4 Fish is a collaborative enterprise, set up during the #Covid19 pandemic to help fishers sell directly to customers</p>	<p>3 July</p>	

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<p>Plymouth Energy Community (PEC)</p>	<p>Plymouth Energy Community, a charity and social enterprise with a cooperative ethos aims to empower the community to create a fair, affordable, zero carbon energy system.</p> <p>Excitingly, they have teamed up with Art and Energy CIC to create a new, renewable art and light installation called Moths to a Flame. The installation uses the behaviour of moths around a flame, as an allegory of our own relationship with energy - that we are drawn to it, but can be harmed by it.</p>	<p>4 July</p>	<p>https://plymouthenergycommunity.com/get-involved/cop-26</p>