



Celebrating the International Year of Co-operatives:



2025 has been declared the UN International Year of Cooperatives, to put a spotlight on the role of cooperative organisations in advancing sustainable development, eradicating poverty, and fostering inclusive economic growth. Find out more about the [International Year of Cooperatives here](#)

To celebrate the heritage of the Cooperative movement, CASE organised an exhibition and series of events throughout January at CAN HQ, a community benefit society based in Coalville, North West Leicestershire. The exhibition featured co-op memorabilia, local memories of the co-op movement, and information about co-ops in the area people can get involved with today. As part of the exhibition, the Glenfield Ladies Co-operative Choir gave a live performance on the 18th of January.

We were also joined by Councillor Mike Stubbs, who shared a presentation on the Cooperative Councils Innovation Network. The CCIN is a collaboration between local authorities who are committed to finding better ways of working for, and with, local people for the benefit of their local community. Find out more by [watching the full roundtable on our Youtube Channel](#), or by [visiting the CCIN website](#).

Upcoming events:



Two Queens - AGM

Two Queens, an artist-run and community-owned gallery and studio based in Leicester's Cultural Quarter, are holding an AGM and electing new Society Directors on March 15th.

After a successful Community Share Offer in 2024, raising a total of £157,785 through a combination of public share investments, match equity and donations, Two Queens is on track to secure its future in Leicester by purchasing the premises. It's a great time to become a member and get more involved in a local Community Benefit Society!

[Find out more and become a member](#)



'Social Care and Co-operatives'

Co-operatives East Midlands is excited to invite you to an in-person event in Lincoln. Learn more about the role of co-operatives in the health and social care sectors. MP Hamish Falconer and Emma Back from Equal Care Co-op, and others, will be speaking at the event, including a Q&A/feedback session.

Anyone is welcome to attend for free! The event takes place on the 6th of June, at Bishop Grosseteste University, starting at 10am.

[Find out more](#)

Other news:



On the 21st of February, CASE joined other providers and volunteers involved in the Multiply adult numeracy programme at a celebration event. Dorothy Francis was given the Tutor award for her contributions to the programme, including providing financial workshops to support Afghan women and their families. We'd also like to congratulate the other winners, including social enterprises Homestart South Leicestershire and THINK FC!

[Find out more ->](#)

Green Fox Community Energy have opened a community share offer, aiming to install an 80kWp solar array at Hollycroft Primary School. Investing in Green Fox is an opportunity to ensure the solar panels are owned by the community- And, as a member, you'll receive a long term return on your investment, as well as membership to Green Fox, allowing you to get involved with local climate action!

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