

The CCIN Review of the Year 2015/16

It has been a busy and exciting twelve months for the CCIN and for our members. There have been lots of new projects and events happening, and we've picked out some of our highlights to share with you.

Moving the delivery of the Network in-house

In June 2015 the CCIN Executive Oversight Committee agreed to move the delivery of the network in-house, securing the CCIN's future as a member-driven organisation able to capitalise on the strong foundation that we have built over the last three years. We were delighted at the support we received from our members during this transition, as well as the fantastic suggestions submitted for delivering the network in the future. The EOC also agreed that the CCIN should have four regional representatives, to administer CCIN business at a regional level; provide regional support to members; as well as actively undertaking regional member recruitment.

We received an excellent response to support the delivery of the CCIN in-house. Plymouth successfully applied to deliver the CCIN's governance function, as well as administer the Values and Principles Board. Oldham Council will continue to administer the network, Officer Network and will manage the CCIN's communications. We were also really pleased to see so many members express an interest in the regional lead roles. The EOC has now successfully selected the four regional leads, but you will have to keep reading to find out who they are!

Fast forward six months and the network's in-house delivery model has seen the launch of several exciting new work streams (more on that in our *Year Ahead Plan!*)

If you have any other ideas or suggestions for the continuing delivery of the CCIN, please get in touch coopinnovationnetwork@oldham.gov.uk

Appointment of four regional leads

As part of this review we were also pleased to announce the appointment of four regional leads: Edinburgh City Council (Scotland and NI); Cardiff Council (Wales and the Midlands); Sunderland Council (North of England) and Croydon Council (South of England). The regional leads are responsible primarily for undertaking the active recruitment of new Members in their regions, but will also support the monitoring of [Policy Labs and Prototypes](#) in their regions; and importantly communicating regional success stories. Your regional lead will soon be in touch to say hello, but in the meantime if you have any comments or queries please don't hesitate to get in touch! The contact details for your regional lead can be found on the CCIN website.

LGA 2015



In June 2015 the CCIN hosted a [fringe event at the annual LGA conference in Harrogate](#). The event gave attendees the opportunity to hear how a co-operative approach to devolution – built on genuine partnership with citizens – can create economic growth but also reinvigorate local democracy and foster more prosperous and empowered communities. We had a panel of fantastic speakers, including Councillor Andrew Burns (Leader of Edinburgh Council and Chair of the CCIN); Carolyn Wilkins (Chief Executive of Oldham Council) and Gareth Swarbrick (Chief Executive of Rochdale Boroughwide Housing). We will be attending the LGA conference again in 2016, so watch this space. Why not come along and join us?

CCIN AGM 2015

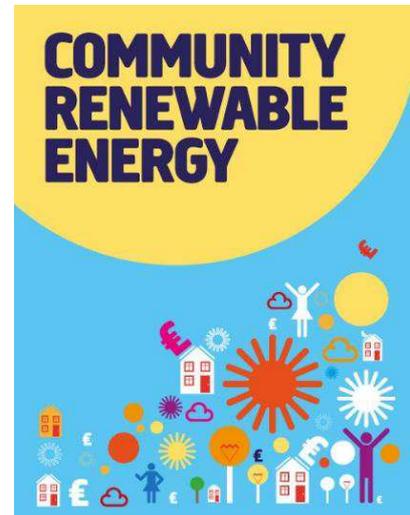
The CCIN AGM was held in September at the Rochdale Pioneers Museum (the home of co-operation in Greater Manchester). Steve Reed MP, honorary president of the CCIN, attended the AGM to speak about the importance of co-operative working and reinforced the important role that CCIN members play in driving forward change across local government, as well as influencing central government thinking and policy.

Cllr. Andrew Burns, Leader of Edinburgh City Council, was also re-elected as Chair of the CCIN.

CCIN Officer Network Workshops

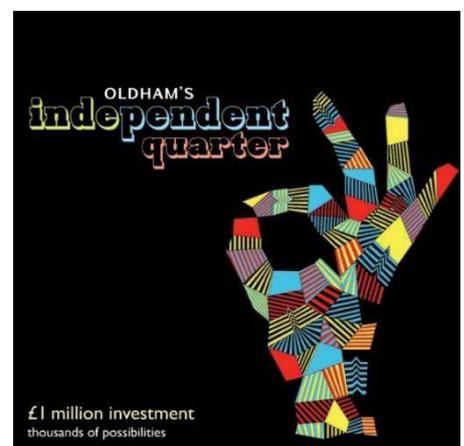
Over the last twelve months we have held a series of Officer Network Workshops, focused on helping officers think about how co-operative principles can influence service delivery across local government, from co-operative approaches to energy to delivering good local economic growth.

In February Plymouth City Council led a virtual officer workshop which focused on Co-operative Approaches to Energy Generation. Plymouth talked about their experience developing Plymouth Energy Community – from conception to generation – and answered questions on everything from Feed in Tariffs to funding community energy projects. A huge thank you to Plymouth for sharing their knowledge and expertise!



In April Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council led a virtual officer workshop on developing Mutuels and Co-operatives for service delivery and alternative service delivery models. Co-operatives and Mutuels can be really complex – especially knowing which model to choose – but Knowsley did a fantastic job of making the topic accessible, outlining Knowsley’s approach to outsourcing their Youth Services through the development of the Knowsley Youth Mutual.

In May we hosted a workshop at Local Government House that brought together a number of member councils to begin to develop a distinctive performance management framework for Co-operative Councils. Participants developed a framework containing a number of co-operative values and associated outcomes. We will be continuing this work in 2016 through a Policy Lab submission, with the goal of holding an event in April to develop a final methodology that can then be prototyped across the CCIN. If you are interested in being part of the pilot, please register your interest by emailing



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In October, Oldham Council led a virtual officer workshop examining the role of co-operation in economic growth and the important roles of social enterprises in stimulating economic growth. A number of our members expressed an interest in Oldham's approach to co-operative food provision, consequently, we are hoping to hold a further workshop on this theme in 2016.

In January 2016 we held our first officer workshop of the year looking at the impact and opportunities of the Government's legislative programme on Co-operative Councils. The workshop – held in Westminster Council Offices, overlooking Buckingham Palace – was really informative and included three fantastic speakers: Jonathan Carr-West (LGIU); Henry Kippin (Collaborate) and Anna Randle (Collaborate), covering the topics of co-operative people, place and public services respectively. Thank you to the network members who attended and contributed so enthusiastically to the discussions. One attendee gave the following feedback about the event:

“Very good, well-structured day. The speakers were interesting, knowledgeable and challenging. Very well organised all round.”

Re-launch of the CCIN Values and Principles Board

This year we have re-launched the CCIN's Values & Principles Board, which now has responsibility for maintaining the coherence of the Networks work programme, as well as ensuring the Network's approach is consistent with its co-operative values and principles.

The Board has continued to build and promote co-operative good practice by collating and co-ordinating evidence submissions to parliamentary committees and international summits such as the climate change summit in Paris.

The Board has also been busy developing, maintaining and building links with the wider co-operative movement, including the Co-operative Party and Co-operative College. The Board has also attended various events, sharing the CCIN's expertise and knowledge, as well as showcasing some of our members' fantastic work.

Launch of the CCIN Policy Labs and Policy Prototypes

In January 2016 we launched two co-operative funding opportunities: CCIN Policy Labs and CCIN Policy Prototypes. Policy Labs are bigger collaborative pieces of work that CCIN members will work on together, while Policy Prototypes are smaller projects that you may want to deliver in your locality on behalf of the network.

The CCIN work programme for the next twelve months will be member-led and owned by putting you, our network members, firmly in the driving seat. We are inviting you to propose work areas that you want the CCIN to focus on over the next 12 months. This could

be anything from co-operative housing commissions to initiatives that put communities back at the heart of local decision making. We are open to all ideas, the more innovative the better!

Please contact coopinnovation@oldham.gov.uk if you are interested in delivering a Policy Lab or Policy Prototype.

We have had a brilliant year, but we know that next year can be even better. We are member led that everything we do is driven by you our members. We want to make the member experience even better, and strengthen the opportunities you get. So if you have any ideas for events, workshops or just want to contribute a positive co-operative news story, please get in touch at coopinnovation@oldham.gov.uk.

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