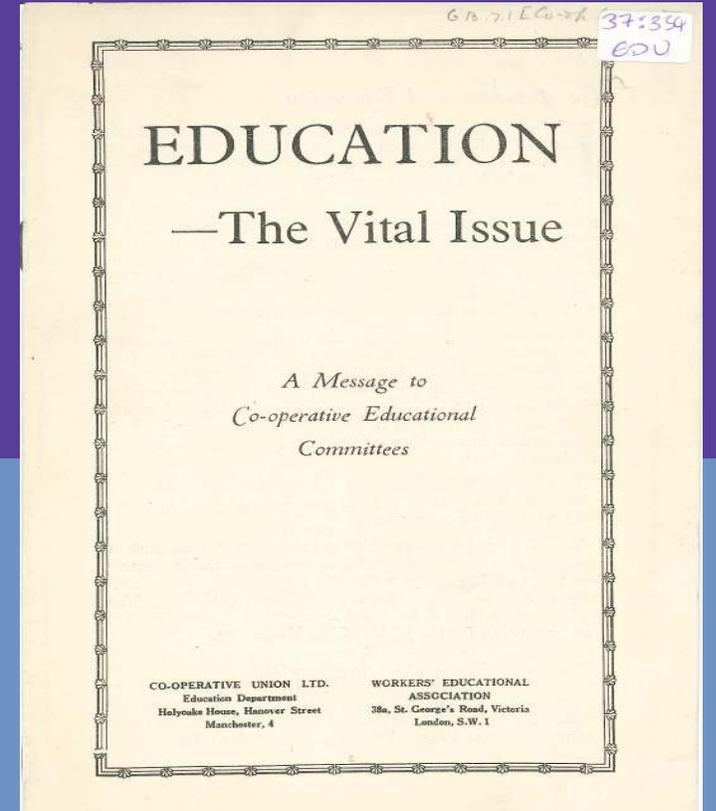


Co-operative education & the Co-operative University

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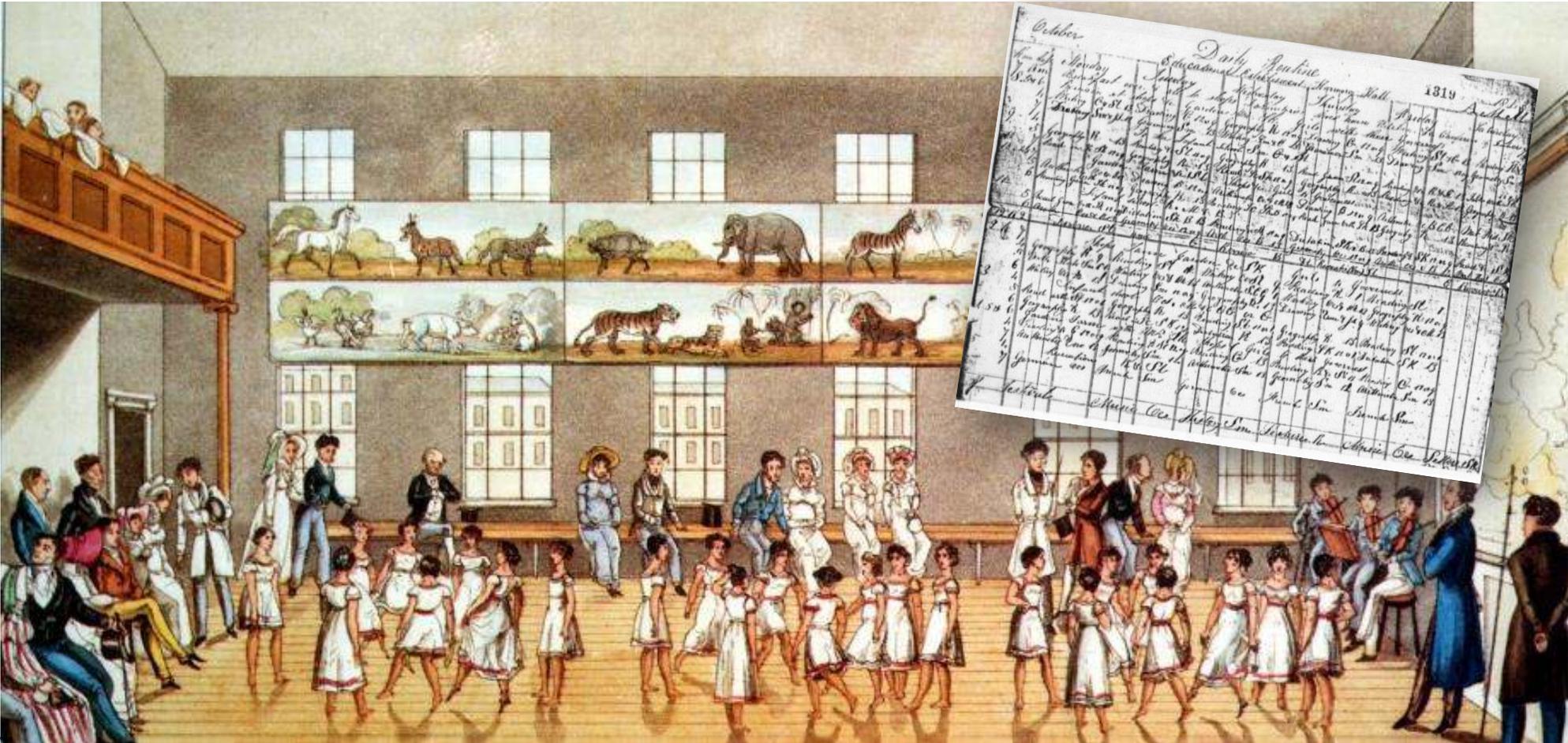
Content

- Defining co-operative education
- History, origins and current nature/state of co-operative education
- New thinking/ reimagining/re-making of co-operative education – the co-operative university

What is co-operative education?

- As co-operative educators we are committed to active learning based on co-operative values. We start from the needs of learner/co-op around real issues.
- We are committed to participatory approaches – learning is a process.
- We are committed to solidarity not competitive learning.
- Research underpins our approach to pedagogy and working with **all** learners.
- Success is the alignment of values focused learning content, co-operative pedagogy and co-operative learning institutions and delivery

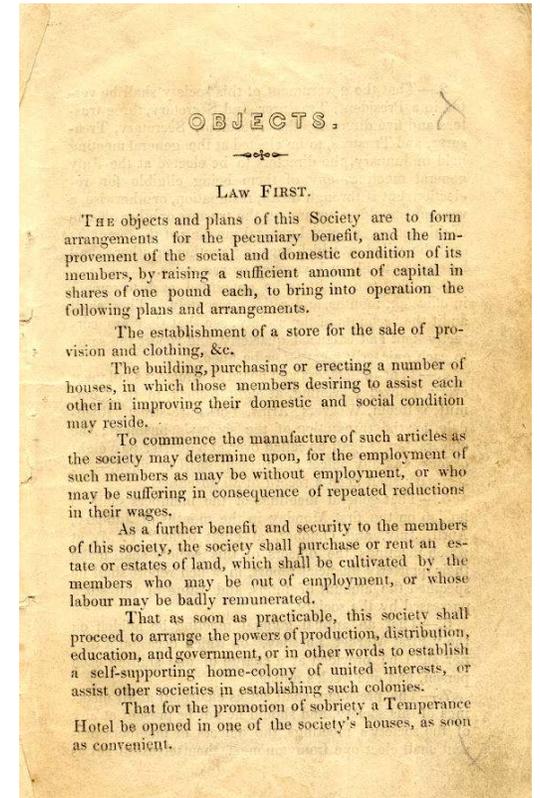
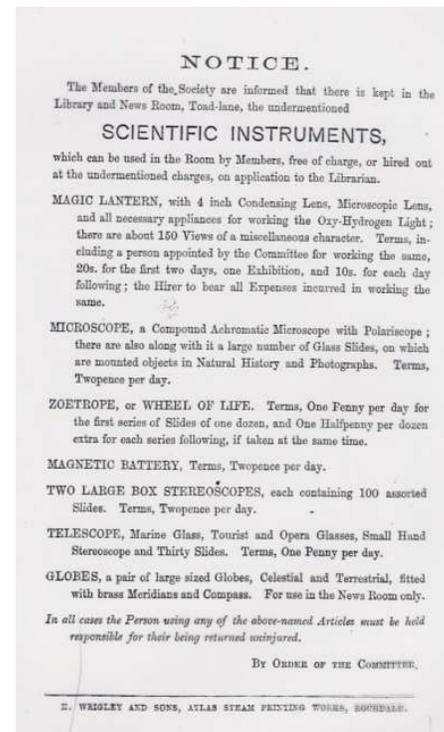
Robert Owen and Education



The Pioneers!

'That as soon as practicable, this society shall proceed to arrange the powers of production, distribution, education, and government, or in other words to establish a self-supporting home-colony of united interests, or assist other societies in establishing such colonies'.

- **To change the world!**



19th century co-operation and adult education

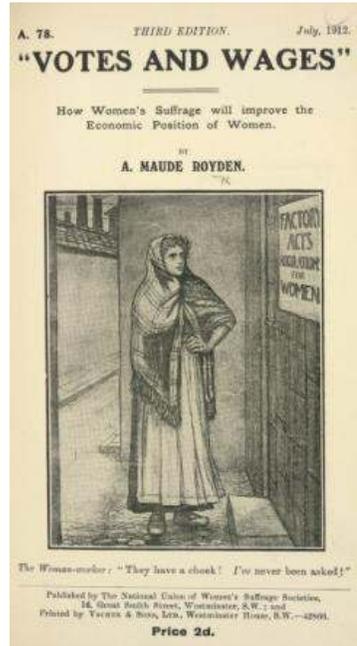
- Innovators and ‘early adopters’!
- Commitment to transformation, democracy and autonomy
- To develop a co-operative view of the world and co-operative identity.
- To develop both skills and knowledge relevant for the movement and citizen: **how to run a co-operative; how to be a co-operator.**
- To recognise the unique nature of co-operatives i.e. the importance of its associational and enterprise aspects
- To recognise the value of informal learning and experience through being in a co-operative

“The objects of co-operative education are, primarily, the formation of co-operative character and opinions” Co-operative Union, 1914, UK.

EQUITABLE PIONEERS' SOCIETY
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SERIES OF LECTURES, &c.

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- Co-operation – a skill and a virtue!
- Libraries and reading rooms
- The Co-operative Press
- Formal lectures and educational courses. UK co-operatives pioneered formal management and staff training programmes in the UK. By the 1920's 16,000 learners were registered on technical programmes, which also included classes on the history and philosophy of co-operation, socialism and worker education.

Where next for co-operatives? And where does co-operative adult education sit?

- Deepening disruption, poverty, inequality, precarity and immiseration: evidencing co-operative solutions to livelihood building and making a better world.
- The spread and reach of the co-operative idea (and turn) into previously 'uninhabited' spaces in the UK such as social care and education as the state is 'rolled back'. Privatisation by the good guys? Phony co-ops? How can co-operative education help drive authentic, empowered, democratic co-operation?
- The debate around the future of work.
- Dan Cooke's Report: *Realising the Co-operative University* (2012) in the light of academisation

The Co-operative College /University - a long history!



“What we want and seek to obtain is a co-operative journey that will end in a co-operative university.”

(Rae, 1909, quoted in Woodin, 2017).



- Transformative ‘non-traditional’ adult education
- Global co-operative capacity building
- Co-operative pedagogy and practice
- A commitment to social justice, alternative social and economic models, decent work and a better world.



Higher Education & Research Act 2017

- Latest iteration of long-term trends of marketisation and privatisation of Higher Education
- A threat to the public university but also an opportunity to challenge corporate / shareholder driven higher education through a values based, democratic, member led approach.
- The Act introduces a single new regulator, the Office for Students (OfS), and enables:
 - the emergence of 'challenger institutions' to complement existing Higher Education
 - a faster route to acquiring degree-awarding powers (DAPs).



The Co-operative University Working Group and College Trustees

- Membership of CUWG
 - Representatives from the co-operative movement, academics, educators, practitioners, students, administrators.
- TOR to take a twin track approach to explore:
 - a) A federated co-operative university model which supports diversity in HE and other co-operative provision
 - b) How a Co-operative University might acquire degree awarding powers to facilitate that diversity and innovation in provision
- Trustees Decision
 - To commit to exploring the feasibility of a co-operative university.

Many models in the making but our consensus?

- No blueprint
- Not hierarchical
- Diversity, fluidity, participatory and federated
- Not necessarily 'bricks and mortar'
- Relevant and high quality, characterised by vibrant critical thinking
- Equal weight given to co-operative governance, pedagogy, alternative funding and decent work
- Intersects with the pioneering and innovative work and thinking going on elsewhere