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CCIN Annual Conference & AGM
12-13 February 2025



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Including the **CCIN AGM**: 08:30 – 09:45, Thursday 13 February 2025



Day One 12 February 2025 Itinerary

09:15 - 09:30 Coach Tour of Woolwich

The Council's GS Plus bus will be parked at the bus stop outside the Woolwich Centre, Wellington Street, Woolwich SE18 6HQ from 17:15 – 17:45. The Woolwich Centre is the large glass building opposite the Town Hall. *What3words: nuns.tulip.brands*

11:00 Drop off at Old Royal Naval College and visit the Painted Hall at the Old Royal Naval College, Cutty Sark (exterior), Queen's House

Welcome Reception from Cllr Anthony Okereke – Leader, Royal Borough of Greenwich

Welcome to everyone attending the 2025 Cooperative Councils' Innovation Network Conference taking place this year in Woolwich.

No visit to our borough would be complete without taking in the world-famous Old Royal Naval College in the heart of the Maritime Greenwich World Heritage Site.

On your way to Queen Mary's Undercroft, you will walk through grounds that are home to unique architecture, a designed landscape, and a centuries-long association with the British monarchy, just some of the features that make Maritime Greenwich a unique and significant place.

Once inside, you will enjoy a welcome drink whilst a harpist from Trinity Laban plays music, which will captivate those in attendance. Following speeches from several key speakers and our sponsor, Greenwich Leisure Limited, you will enjoy a hot buffet dinner fit for a King or Queen whilst catching up with colleagues from across the country

We hope you enjoy your time at this year's Conference and look forward to seeing you in the Royal Borough of Greenwich.

12:45 Regroup at Greenwich Pier to embark on board a chartered Uber Boat by Thames Clippers

13:00 River trip to Woolwich with lunch

13:15 Arrive at Woolwich Pier, at the Royal Arsenal – a few minutes' walk to Woolwich Works for the Conference.



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Day One: 13 February 2025 Conference Agenda, 14:00 – 16:30

09:30 – 13:30 Organised Tour

14:00 Welcome to the CCIN Annual Conference

Cllr Jim Robbins, Chair of the CCIN and Leader, Swindon Borough Council

14:10 Welcome to Greenwich

Cllr Anthony Okereke – Leader, Royal Borough of Greenwich

14:15 Mr Peter Bunday – Chief Executive, GLL

14:25 Plenary 1: Launch of findings of the Greenwich Cooperative Commission

Chair: Councillor Mariam Lolavar – Cabinet Member Health, Adult Social Care and Borough of Sanctuary

Panel:

Giovanna Speciale – Chief Executive SELCE (South East London Community Energy)

Nick Plumb – Director of Policy and Insight Power to Change

Emma Back – Founder of Equal Care Coop

Q&A. Chair: Councillor Mariam Lolavar

15:25 Break

15:45 Workshops 1 (45 mins)

16:30 Close

Delegates check into hotels

17:15 - 17:45 Evening Welcome Reception – Queen Mary Undercroft – Old Royal Naval College
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Compere: Cllr Mariam Lolavar

22:00 Close (Please note that return transport is not provided to your hotel)



Day Two 13 February 2025 AGM Agenda, 08:30 – 09:50

Download the papers here: bit.ly/CCIN-Feb25AGM

1. **Welcome, introductions and apologies** – Chair – Cllr Jim Robbins, Leader of Swindon Borough Council
2. **Minutes of the last meeting** – 2 November 2023 (Sunderland) – Chair – Cllr Jim Robbins
3. **Review of the Year 2023/4** – Chair – Cllr Jim Robbins
4. **Budget Report 2023/4** – Jonathan Downs – Corporate Policy Lead, Oldham Council
5. **Report back from Values & Principles Board** – Cllr Mili Patel, Deputy Leader of Brent Council and Chair of Values & Principles Board
6. **Care Leavers Protected Characteristic** – Terry Galloway
7. **2024-25 Policy Projects funding round** – Cllr Ernest Gibson – Cabinet Member for Climate Change & Area Management, South Tyneside Council and Vice Chair of EOC
8. **Policy Lab Launch Chair** – Cllr Jim Robbins
- 9.1. **Tackling Barriers to Building a Cooperative Economy** – Jonathan Downs – Corporate Policy Lead, Oldham Council and Cliff Mills – Anthony Collins Solicitors
9. **Any Other Urgent Business**



Day Two 13 February 2025 Conference Agenda, 10:00 – 16:35

08:30 - 09:50 AGM

10:00	Welcome back to Day 2 CCIN Annual Conference Cllr Jim Robbins Chair of the CCIN and Leader, Swindon Borough Council
10:05	Keynote: Rose Marley - CEO Cooperatives UK – The UN International Year of Cooperatives 2025 – Cooperatives Build a Better World Q&A. Chair: Cllr Jim Robbins
10:25	Plenary 2: Built on love – cooperative approaches to corporate parenting Chair: Cllr Louise Gittins – Leader, Cheshire West and Chester and Chair, Local Government Association Panel: Chris Loftus – Operations Director - Social AdVentures Toyosi Disu – Young Advisor, Royal Borough of Greenwich Sharon Cooper – Interim Director, Children's Services Warrington Borough Council Cllr Chris Barnham – Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, London Borough of Lewisham Q&A: Cllr Louise Gittins
11:25	Break
11:45	Workshops 2
12:45	Networking Lunch and visit exhibitions
13:45	Workshops 3
14:45	Break
15:00	Keynote: Cllr Denise Scott-McDonald - President of the Cooperative Group Q&A. Chair: Cllr Mike Stubbs - Newcastle-Under-Lyme Labour Group & EOC Member
15:20	Plenary 3: Building a better future for all (housing and planning reform) Chair: Cllr Adam Hug – Leader of Westminster City Council and LGA's Housing and Planning Spokesperson Panel: David Hopkins - Director of Community of Coin Street Community Builders (CSCB) Cllr Jackie Hollywell – Cabinet Member for Housing - Stevenage Borough Council Jamie Carswell – Director of Housing and Safer Communities, Royal Borough of Greenwich Q&A: Cllr Adam Hug
16:20	Summing up - Cllr Anthony Okereke – Leader, Royal Borough of Greenwich
16:30	Thanks & Close – Cllr Jim Robbins
16:35	ENDS



Breakout Session 1: 13 February 2025 15:45 – 16:30

1. Cooperative Development Toolkit

Come and explore the Councils' Cooperative Development Toolkit to identify local coop opportunities and steps to promote coop development. Gain practical insights through case studies, templates, and policy guidance. Leave with a plan for coops in your place that'll contribute to the goal of doubling the Cooperative and Mutual sector.

Speakers:

- **Jonathan Nunn** - Policy and Partnerships Manager, Kirklees Council
- **Michelle Rankin** - Assistant Director of Economy and Skills, Royal Borough of Greenwich

2. Community Energy and the Local Power Plan

An overview of Greenwich's work on the Community Energy element of the Co-Op Commission, the challenges, and a summary of the proposals. We will then explore the government's vision for a Local Power Plan, how Greenwich plans to respond and discuss ideas from other CCIN partners.

Speaker:

- **Daniel Stanesby** - Assistant Director of Capital Delivery and Investment, Royal Borough of Greenwich
- **Giovanna Speciale** - CEO, SELCE

3. Commissioning for people, resilience and relationships

Come along to this interactive session and learn about the work we are doing to develop new commissioning approaches and what has been successful elsewhere with learning from the 'Equal Care Coop'. Explore what it means to have resilient care offers, how we now plan to embed cooperative values and principles to support cooperation in Greenwich to thrive. We also encourage you to bring ideas about how we make these changes happen in practice.

Speakers:

- **Lisa Wilson** - Integrated Director of Commissioning, Royal Borough of Greenwich
- **Emma Back** - Equalcare Coop

4. Radical Place Leadership

Too often public services are organised around institutional and professional boundaries rather than people. Mutual Ventures have been working with Brent Council on a new Radical Place Leadership approach, which supports local leaders to create genuine place-based working, focused around the needs of people.

Speakers:

- **Rachel Crossley** - Corporate Director Community Health and Wellbeing, Brent Council
- **Andrew Laird** - Chief Executive, Mutual Ventures

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Breakout Session 2: 13 February 2025 1200 – 1245

5. Reviewing the Policy Lab approach

This workshop will explore peoples' experiences of the CCIN Policy Labs and prototypes process and will focus on ideas for improving the administration, focus and impact of future projects. Have your say on the work that the Network funds.

Speakers:

- **Morgan Jones** - Strategy & Innovation Manager, Cheshire West & Chester Council
- **Cllr Mili Patel** - Deputy Leader, Brent Council
- **Claire Ward** - Anthony Collins Solicitors

6. Shared Purpose, Shared Profit, Shared Power: A Model for Future Neighbourhoods

For the past forty years Coin Street has created a thriving community powered by social enterprise on London's South Bank. This workshop will look at new research that evaluates the human and societal impact of this pioneering model for developing urban spaces. This session will explore what we can learn from Coin Street's model to support community wealth building and social infrastructure throughout the UK.

Speaker

- **Cait Saunder** - Head of External Relations, Coin Street

7. How to achieve co-operation & build resilient communities through active citizenship

Our workshop focuses on our approach to active citizenship and the different ways we have piloted approaches nationally, working with local governments. Active citizenship is the practice of being an engaged, responsible member of a community or society, proactively participating in civic and communal life. Find out more how, through our approach to place-based co-creation and systems innovation, we have worked with local authorities across the UK to help people become active citizens.

Speakers:

- **Karen Creavin** - CEO, The Active Wellbeing Society
- **Julian Sanchez** - National Cycle Lead, The Active Wellbeing Society

8. DHSC Operating Model Toolkit for Social Care Assessments

The session will present the development of the DHSC Operating Model Toolkit and how the model has been coproduced with participating councils. We will reflect on Brent's journey to digitalise Adult Social Care assessments and how the Toolkit has been used to support this work. We will encourage councils to reflect on their digital assessment journeys – the challenges and successes and to use the Toolkit and the community of practice for ongoing support and learning.

Speakers:

- **Mr Duc Tran** - Transformation Programme Manager, Brent Council
- **Jen Goodall** - Operating Models Lead, Adult Social Care Digitising and Streamlining Assessments, DHSC

9. Investing for economic growth with neutral cooperative partnerships

The cooperative neutral host ('thin layer') model fosters cooperative relationships between public and private bodies, enabling shared infrastructure and mutual benefit. With minimal contractual constraints, it drives innovation, reduces costs, and boosts growth, aligning with government missions. Hear how Tameside, Blackpool, and others use the model.

Speakers:

- **Shaun Fensom** - Chair, CBN
- **Tim Rainey** - CBN
- **Mark Cook** - Anthony Collins Solicitors



Breakout Session 3: 13 February 2025 13:55 – 14:45

10. Beyond Social Value

The CCIN's Social Value Toolkit traces the exciting emergence of collaborative approaches to procurement and commissioning, which are premised on a relational understanding of how value is actually created. It proposes that this has much greater potential to support the delivery of ambitious local missions than the use of technocratic social value 'menus' which can serve to narrow our sense of what's possible.

At this workshop we'll outline the key findings and explore the next steps, discussing how the CCIN can support member councils to bring these methods and mindsets into practice.

Speakers:

- **Simon Grove White** - Freelancer
- **Carys Hughes** - UEL
- **Mark Cook** - ACS
- **Helen Sharp** - Alliance CIC
- **Julian Blake** - Stone King

11. How can cooperative principles support the devolution revolution

With the seismic change to the structure of local government advocated in the white paper this session will discuss the opportunities to use Cooperative principles to support the devolution revolution.

Speakers:

- **Claire Ward** - Anthony Collins Solicitors
- **Rebecca Murphy** - Collaborate

12. Cooperating to Live Well: A show and tell

One of the three priorities for the NHS is "a shift from sickness to prevention". Rochdale Council will share how they are using root causes and whole lived experience to develop tools and opportunities to influence and inform policy and practice changes towards a prevention system.

Speakers:

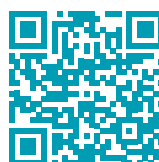
- **Helen Chicot** - Senior Public Health and Communities Manager, Rochdale Borough Council
- **Chrissie Okorie** - artist/activist

13. Renewable Technologies - Viking Energy Network Jarrow

Award winning energy scheme for South Tyneside Council with a district heating network utilising innovative combination of renewable technologies, generating electricity and harnessing heat from River Tyne. Energy Centre serves several buildings across Jarrow. Scheme was completed October 2023 and has resulted in CO2 reduction of 1100 tons per annum.

Speakers

- **Mohsen Kohannejad** - Construction & Technical Services Manager, South Tyneside Council
- **Cllr Ernest Gibson** - South Tyneside Council



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