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The Co-operative News of 18th October 2016 includes an excellent letter from John Harrington, Co-operative Education for All

Co-operative Education for All

.....education on the co-operative model should not be just for MBA students, but all business study students.

In fact, all students in schools, colleges and universities should be made aware there is a viable alternative to casino capitalism.

At present they are brainwashed into thinking there is no alternative to the Capitalist system. Millions more people would support co-ops and get involved in forming them if they knew they were there.

Co-operative Party members have been campaigning and passing resolutions for 90 years on the need to have the co-operative model included in schools curriculum, as yet without success.

The 1% who control all the levers of power and own 80% of the wealth have no intention of letting the other 99% be aware there is an alternative. They therefore block any attempt at balanced education and make starting up a co-operative society much more time consuming, expensive and bureaucratic.

Millions are self-employed or run companies because it costs less to set up and involves less red tape. To set up a company takes a few minutes and a few pounds. To set up a co-op takes weeks, cost a lot and you will be interrogated as to why you want to opt for the co-op model.

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South Yorkshire is Open for Fracking

What are the issues?

Find out at;

<http://www.frackfreesouthyorkshire.co.uk/fracking-myths.html>

from the September edition of Now Then

Sheffield is in the middle of a massive area licensed for fracking. Barnsley Council admits meeting secretly with Cuadrilla, the drilling firm which caused earthquakes while fracking in Lancashire, and they tried slipping into their Local Plan that applications to frack will 'generally be supported'. The UK's largest gas explorer, IGas Energy, has applied to drill exploratory wells near Blyth and Misson, both 20-odd miles from Sheffield. North Yorkshire County Council has given permission to Barclays-owned Third Energy to frack near Flamingo Land. Thankfully, Friends of the Earth are challenging this one in court.....

Read more;

<http://nowthenmagazine.com/sheffield/issue-102/localcheck/>

Frack Free South Yorkshire

<http://www.frackfreesouthyorkshire.co.uk/>



Sheffield Against Fracking

<http://www.sheffieldagainstfracking.org.uk/>

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A business that is based on values of equality



On the first World Values Day, Ed Mayo, secretary general of Co-operatives UK, looks at how values drive the success of one of the largest worker co-ops in the UK....

read more;

<http://www.thenews.coop/110348/news/business/business-based-values-equality/>

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Fair Tax and study days at Unicorn workers co-op



Manchester-based workers co-operative [Unicorn Grocery](#) has been awarded the Fair Tax Mark for its open and responsible tax practices.

Championed by co-ops, the [Fair Tax Mark](#) can be awarded to organisations that are transparent about their tax affairs and seek to pay the right amount of corporation tax at the right time in the right place.

“We applied for the Mark because we are committed to paying our fair share of tax,” said a Unicorn spokesperson.....

Read more;

<http://www.thenews.coop/109724/news/agriculture/fair-tax-study-days-unicorn-workers-co-op/>

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Gardeners Rest Community Share Offer

Riverside pub in the Neepsend area of Sheffield

The recently formed Gardeners Rest Community Society (a community benefit society) intends to ensure the future prosperity of the Gardeners by taking it into community ownership. A Community Share Offer provides the opportunity to buy the Gardeners Rest and keep it as a truly local enterprise, accountable to the community it serves and benefits.

The minimum target for our share issue will be £100,000, with a maximum target of £200,000. Our campaign will run from Saturday 15th October and Saturday 19th November.

See the video and full information;

<http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/gardenersrest>

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