

Co-operation & Sustainability Conference

Tuesday 15th March, 2011, 10am – 4pm
Reading Museum & Town Hall

With community led action and the ‘Big Society’ high on the agenda, this event is the opportunity to explore how we can use tools of co-operation and collaboration to create a sustainable and green society.

- Hear from leading figures in the sustainability movement, including **Rob Hopkins**, co-founder of Transition Town Totnes and of the Transition Network.
- Attend participative workshops on ● green transport ● renewable energy ● low carbon housing ● creating sustainable communities and hear from leading practitioners in each field.
- **Network** with other people interested in creating a more co-operative and sustainable society.

This conference is aimed at anyone with an interest in co-operating for a greener, more sustainable future.

To book a place at this free-of-charge event, please [click here](#).

Conference Programme

- 09.30 Coffee and registration
10.00 Welcome address: **Jo White** - Chair of Co-operatives South East
10.05 Keynote address: **Rob Hopkins** - The Transition Network
10.30 Breakout workshops

Low carbon housing - exploring collaborative approaches to retrofitting our existing housing stock and the role of co-operation in building homes fit for the future.

Speakers include:

Phil Beardmore - Confederation of Co-operative Housing

Charlie Baker - Urbed

Carol Biggs - Hastings Trust

Green travel - through co operation with others, we can encourage a greener approach to travel.

Speakers include:

Dan Harris - Oxford Cycle Workshop

Frances Farley - Exeter City Football Club

12.00 Plenary session chaired by **Jo White**

12.30 Lunch and Networking

13.30 Breakout workshops

Renewable energy - explore the challenges and opportunities through hearing from groundbreaking practitioners in co-operative renewable energy.

Speakers include:

Mike Pickering - Midcounties Co-operative

Stuart Major - Solar Co-op

Mark Luntley - Westmill Wind Farm

Sustainable Communities - how bottom up approaches, which bring local people together to find their own solutions, can create more long lasting and effective change.

Speakers include:

Louise Rutterford - Centre for Sustainable Energy

Anna Eagar - Community Energy Direct

Rob Hopkins - co-founder of Transition Town Totnes and of the Transition Network

15.00 Plenary session chaired by **Jo White**

15.30 Closing address: speaker to be confirmed

16.00 Conference ends