

COOPERATIVE ENTERPRISE EVENTS

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10th to 14th September 2014

Wednesday 10th September 14.00 - 16.00 €5 Suggested Donation
COMMONS TRANSITION STRATEGIES

Building on the FLOK Experience
Centre For Creative Practices, Lower Pembroke Street, Dublin 2

Thursday 11th September 14.00 - 17.00 €5 Suggested Donation
OPEN DESIGN & PRODUCTION

Fab Lab Limerick, Rutland Street, Limerick

Friday 12th September 09.30 - 17.00 €30 + €8 Lunch Option
THE COOPERATIVE MODEL REVISITED

WeCreate, Cloughjordan Ecovillage, Cloughjordan, Tipperary

FRIDAY 12th September 19.30 - 22.00 €5 Suggested Donation
COMMUNITY AND THE COMMONS

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SATURDAY 13th September 09.30 - 17.00 €30 + €8 Lunch Option
THE COMMONS SYMPOSIUM

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SATURDAY 13th September 20.00 - 22.00 €Free to participants
OPEN CULTURE - OUR CREATIVE COMMONS

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SUNDAY 14th September 11.00 - 13.00 €5 Suggested Donation
SOCIAL PERMACULTURE

DESIGNING VIABLE ORGANISATIONS

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SUNDAY 14th September 14.00 - 17.00 Open to P2P F members
P2P FOUNDATION GATHERING

WeCreate, Cloughjordan Ecovillage, Cloughjordan, Tipperary

SUNDAY 14th September 14.00 - 17.00 €free
WECREATE OPEN DAY

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Ticket to all Cloughjordan Events only €60

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This timely event will bring international experts, national thinkers and local entrepreneurs together to inspire a cooperative approach to nurturing sustainable livelihoods and facilitating new enterprises at the local, regional and national level.

With the withdrawal of government from the funding of social services, and the rise of austerity policies that have attended the current economic crisis, there is an urgent need for new forms of social care. Over the last twenty years, social and solidarity co-ops have emerged as a new form of care that not only provides care to citizens but also reforms the purpose and direction of social care itself. Pioneered in Italy, social co-ops are a new form of open co-operativism in which multiple stakeholders work together to provide a wide range of social services not only to co-op members but to the community as a whole.

Tipperary has a rich tradition of cooperative enterprise and in recent years this has taken off with the community tearoom in Loughmore, the cooperative energy projects in Templeberry and Drumbane, as well as the many cooperative initiatives in community farming and housing at the Cloughjordan Ecovillage.

SPEAKERS INCLUDE

Michel Bauwens a Belgian Peer-to-Peer theorist and an active writer, researcher and speaker on the subject of technology, culture and business innovation.. **Peter Couchman** Chief Executive of the Plunkett Foundation who which supports predominantly rural communities to set up and run a range of co-operatives. **John Restakis** the former Executive Director of the BC Co-operative Association in Vancouver, has a professional background in community organising and co-op development and is the author of *"Humanizing the Economy – Co-operatives in the Age of Capital"*. **Angela Espinosa** a Colombian academic focused on issues of complexity management and self-organisation with applications in cooperative management. **Jon Walker** a UK-based proponent of the Viable Systems Model, an organisation tool used by cooperatives and communities. **Mary Fogarty & Maeve O'Hair** the women who set up Loughmore Co-operative Shop and Tearooms.



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SCHEDULE

09.30 - Registration

10.00 - Welcome

10.10 - Opening presentations from John Restakis and Peter Couchman

10.50 - Voices from the Field

Introductions to cooperative initiative in food, energy, housing and service provision.

11.00 - Break

11.30 - Michel Bauwens - Opportunities of a commons approach.

11.50 - Introductions from the hosts of the smaller group discussions.

Option of 5 small group discussions to choose from. Topics will include subjects such as finance and governance.

12.30 - 13.30 Lunch

13.30 - Small Group Discussions

14.30 - Break

15.00 - Reflections from each small group

15.30 - Plenary discussion

16.15 - Reimagining Cooperative Enterprise

Reflections from John Restakis and Peter Couchman

16.55 - Close

Cultivate, WeCreate Workspace and the P2P Foundation are delighted to host this series of events that will bring together cooperative advocates, community activists, and commons animators to share perspectives and ideas on the question, "How can a commons-based collaborative economy strengthen the resilience of our communities?"

These events will explore and further a commons approach to building and stewarding shared resources, building community resilience and creating meaningful livelihoods.

Other highlights include a major symposium on the Commons, an presentation on Community and the Commons with Michel Bauwens and Peadar Kirby, introductions to peer production and open hardware in both the Limerick and Cloughjordan Fab Labs, an Open Day at WeCreate

Places are limited, for full details, booking and directions, see www.openeverything.ie or email convergence@cultivate.ie

Other highlights of Open Everything include....

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The commons provides a framework to facilitate transformative action around co-operative and commons-based housing and land tenure, mutually owned renewable energy, local and sustainable food systems, and even community controlled health and social care.

A fresh approach for taking care of our shared resources is emerging. The old idea of the commons, which has been around since the start of human history, is being supercharged with new ideas from the open source community and the cooperative movement. This symposium, which features local and global thinkers, will explore the question, "How can a commons-based collaborative economy strengthen the resilience of our communities?"

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