



## **Brainstorming Session**

3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022

1200–1600

Members from Edinburgh SHC, Leeds Green Action, Cork SHC, as well as co-operative 'adjacent' people joined together on the Sunday of the Edinburgh 2022 gathering weekend to re-think and reorganise for Students for Co-operation moving into the future after it took a hiatus of a few years. This is a write-up of the notes taken and the discussion.

### ***What do we want SFC to do?***

- A co-op of co-ops, passing down institutional knowledge
- Provide resources for coops to run their own training sessions, for example on:
  - ◆ Basic DIY
  - ◆ Politicising coops
  - ◆ Contacts for speakers for events on specific topics
  - ◆ Pre-made presentations / zines / booklets / leaflets / Flyers
- Link new co-ops up with older co-ops to pass on knowledge
- Point of online communication between co-ops
- Alumni networking resource
- Student focussed
- Activism
- Finding patterns of roadblocks many co-ops face
- An open, online forum for creating threads on specific topics and sharing resources  
I.e if a specific coop wants to run an event there is a single place/discussion thread to visit
- Publicise co-op events, livestream etc

### ***How can we categorise these tasks into new working groups?***

#### **NETWORKING**

- Outreach
- Social Media
- Alumni
- Co-op movement
- Events
- Activism
- Propaganda

#### **FINANCE**

- Normal finances
- Consultation
- Literacy
- Fundraising

## TRAINING & EDUCATION

- Conflict mediation
- Reporting
- Information transfer for new members
- Knowledge holders
- Alumni training network

## MEMBER SUPPORT

- Caucuses
- Internal communications
- External communications
- Tech

## SECRETARIAL

- All the secretarial tasks!

## ***What resources and funding will we need for these working groups?***

## NETWORKING

*Funding may come from :*

- Fleecing your Student Union
- Ticketed events
- Linking up with activism groups
- Saving money by sharing resources / using pre-existing ones
- Publish & sell materials
- Regular gatherings
- Propaganda
- Paid talks

## TRAINING & EDUCATION

*Funding needed for:*

- Books & pamphlets
- Hosting Server
- External trainings
- Venue hire
- Stationary
- Travel budget

*Funding may come from:*

- Donations – via website, workshops
- Subsidised but paid training
- Member fees

- Grants I.e Lush

## FINANCE

### *Funding needed for:*

- Accounting software
- Financial advocacy costs
- Accountancy costs
- Training costs
- Gaining grant funding for specific projects

## MEMBER SUPPORT

### *Funding needed for:*

- Servers
- Website hosting Intranet
- File storage, backups
- Using open-source software
- FAQs

## SECRETARIAL

### *Funding needed for:*

- Biscuits
- Stationary
- Project management software
- Bureaucracy fees
- Audiovisual equipment