

Working Together: recording and preserving the heritage of the workers' co-operative movement

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Name: Britta Werner

Worker Co-ops: Unicorn Grocery

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Interviewer's comments: Lucy (interviewer) is a casual worker at Unicorn Grocery

Summary:

[00:00:00] Britta outlines how she first came to be involved with Unicorn Grocery, (Chorlton, Manchester), the Worker Co-ops Council, and the board of Co-operatives UK.

[00:04:04] Outlines in more detail involvement in the Worker Co-ops Council and with Co-operatives UK. **[00:05:11]** Talks about involvement of Unicorn members in external projects including The Kindling Trust. **[00:06:51]** Talks about how first became aware of workers' co-operatives, and briefly mentions some differences in co-operative movement between UK and Germany. **[00:08:14]** Talks about the development of Unicorn over the last 10 years.

[00:09:22] Discusses potential development of Unicorn in the future. **[00:10:51]** Talks about difficulties in setting up retail shops in present day, in particular wholefoods/organic shops.

[00:12:55] Discusses the idea of sociocracy and how it could be used in Unicorn's future development. **[00:16:03]** Both discuss welcoming people into the way of working at Unicorn.

[00:21:25] Outlines favourite thing about working at Unicorn and what she'd like to see improved in the future. **[00:23:41]** Briefly discusses expansion of Unicorn.