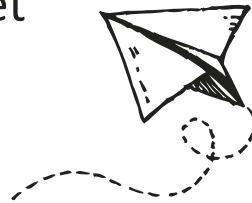


Commitment to Social Change



A commitment to wider social change was promoted by many of the workers' co-operatives set up in the 1970s-1990s.



“We did put money aside for community projects and wanted to put so much money in to community projects every year.”

Richard Waring,
Member of
Down to Earth,
Sheffield

Promoting change locally

Workers' co-operatives promoted positive social change locally through tackling labour market problems for those who might face discrimination in other businesses, such as those with disabilities.

Many workers' co-operatives also became involved in their local communities. This was often through providing support to local businesses and groups, with this support frequently being returned.



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-We can help you.**

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[The bookshop was] “a very natural point of contact...for the whole resurgence of CND, which by then was in full flood.”

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Martin Spence, Member of Days of Hope Bookshop, Newcastle.



Promoting wider change



Often workers’ co-operatives were involved in wider movements for social change. This included refusing to trade with unethical companies, and campaigning for movements such as the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND).

The involvement of workers’ co-operatives in these movements occasionally invited attention from extremist right wing groups and national security bodies.

“There was a way of checking if your phones were tapped...I thought ‘how boring!’ for anyone listening to this...placing an order for some crafts and gifts.”

Peter Turnbull, recounting an investigation of Sunpower, a book and food co-operative in London.



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