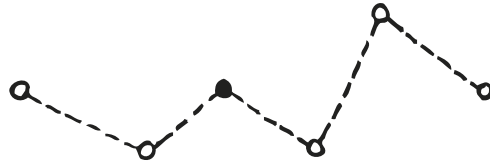


# Workers co-operatives post 1990s

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In the late 1990s and early 2000's there was a decline in the number of workers' co-operatives in the UK.



Reasons for this include:

## Funding cuts:

The mid-1980s saw cuts to local authorities who had previously provided support to workers' co-operatives through local Co-operative Development Agencies.

## Recession

The Recession in the early 1990s hit small workers' co-operatives hard. This was worsened by increased competition from large firms.

## Change in attitudes:

From the 1980s there was an increasing focus on the individual, with self-interest replacing ideas about fairness and community

## NEWS FROM NOWHERE

### EVICITION THREAT

In our 20th Birthday year, our landlords are trying to evict us, purely so the building can be sold with vacant possession (so they can make more profit).

We are a thriving small business which has made significant contributions to the cultural, retail and community life of both Bold St. and Liverpool as a whole.

#### **DON'T LET PROPERTY DEVELOPERS PLAY MONOPOLY WITH BOLD ST.**

Come to the public meeting in **The Irish Centre on Wednesday June 1st at 7.30pm prompt.**

Help us protect both our future and the vibrant, unique atmosphere of Bold St.

#### **DON'T DELAY, ACT TODAY!**

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“it was becoming more difficult again, '83,'84 had been our best time and then it was falling off, it was falling off in terms of trade.”

**Martin Spence,  
Days of Hope  
Bookshop,  
Newcastle**



## Workers' co-operatives today

Despite this, many workers' co-operatives were able to adapt and survive, and continue to be thriving businesses today.

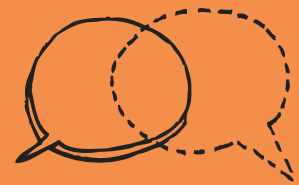
With an increasing number of people moving from secure employment into precarious work, there is a growing interest in the workers' co-operative model again.

Workers' co-operatives are increasingly set up in the digital and creative sectors, with focus on bringing together self-employed and 'gig economy' workers into collectives to share resources and experience.

Co-operative support organisations such as Co-operatives UK continue to offer support to new and existing workers' co-operatives.

**"The dynamics of how we adapt our structures in response to changing pressures...is an eternally fascinating process"**

**Edmund Potter,  
founder of Delta-T,  
Cambridge shire**



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