



[OPEN 2018](#) is happening in London **on the 26th and 27th of July 2018**

We have another two days of amazing speakers and sessions lined up, covering all aspects of the emerging co-op economy and the wider network.

The event has five key themes:

- The Platform Coop Showcase
- Collaborative and P2P Technology
- Co-op tools
- Joining the dots
- The Changing Narrative

We've been researching all the latest tools, networks and organisations that are working on our shared goal of creating an equitable economy which puts people and planet before profit and will be covering many of these at the event. There's lots more information about all of this on [our blog](#) - and here's a taster of what to expect at the event:

- [Nathan Schneider](#), who co-organises the NY Platform Co-op conferences will provide an update from the latest in the US and his views on the big themes and questions for the platform co-op sector.
- **Laura James** and **Francesca Pick**, will discuss the wide range of projects and movements aiming to unite cooperative organisers and networks to enable collaboration at scale in our session on [Networking the Networks](#).
- **Indra Adnan** and **Ruth Potts** will summarise the outcomes from **CTRLShift** and Transition Together together with **Ela Kagel**, on the latest developments from Germany in a session on [Joining the Dots](#).
- **Niki Okuk**, Founder of Rco in LA will discuss how we can challenge the dominant model of capitalist business and the de facto pyramid structure of management in order to enable a more equitable society in our session on [Putting the employees in charge](#), answering questions such as:
 - What does it take for owners and managers to understand and liberate the true value of placing workers in charge of the business?
 - How can we encourage the development of new, and the transformation of 'conventional' businesses, to become worker owned enterprises?
 - What assumptions do we need to challenge to break the strong-hold of rapacious capitalism as the dominant form of business?

Plus we have the following sessions on:

- [Open source social networks, protocols and platforms](#)
- Matthew Schutte will explain how Holochain presents [A new framework for Peer to Peer collaboration](#)
- Nathan Schneider, Cadwell Turnbull, Francesca Pick, and Cristina Flesher Fominaya, will discuss [the role narrative can play in creating a world of abundance](#) and inclusivity.

And workshops covering:

- [Co-op creation made simple](#) - with advice for anyone looking to start a co-op
- [Patterns for decentralised organising](#) - with ideas to improve stakeholder participation at your organisation
- [The Money Game](#) - to help you understand YOUR relationship with money!
- [The Capital Conundrum](#) - to inform the next stage of work at The Foundation for Cooperative Innovation
- [Everyday Participation](#) - to teach you tools and techniques for working in distributed groups
- [What the hell is blockchain and how does it work? Plus Blockchain Bingo](#) - A very practical intro to blockchain
- [Building Apps on Holochain](#) - A more in depth "hackerthon" for developers interested in this new framework
- [How can Blockchain enable Elinor Ostrom's 8 commons principles?](#) - to provide input into this €1.5M research project

Plus panel discussions on:

- [Decision-making for participatory democracy](#)
- [Solving the crisis of the gig economy](#)
- [Mapping the cooperative / solidarity economy](#)
- [Building the cooperative cloud](#)
- [Applying "the Preston Model" to the cooperative economy](#)
- [The nature of money – Signals and transactions](#)
- [Global Mutual Credit – Is it time for a Co-op coin?](#)

We are now accepting proposals and people are voting on what to discuss in the ten open space sessions... Register now to have your say! Check out all the [contributors](#) and the [full programme](#) - and please share with your networks. We still have a few [free tickets](#) to give away too - but apply quick if you're interested!

Lunch is included in your ticket price and there will be some free drinks at the networking at the end of the first day. I hope you can make it, and I look forward to welcoming you to **OPEN 2018**.

All the best, Oli, **Co-Founder, The Open Co-op**