



**Society for
Co-operative Studies Ireland
Membership News
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Dear all,

Please find attached some of the latest news about information and developments of interest to people in the co-operative sector. In particular there is important news of an event in preparation for **International Co-operatives Day** taking place on 1 July and involving SCSi members. If you have any announcements you would like to share with members please get in touch at Patrick.marydoyle@gmail.com

In co-operation,

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An in-discussion event with **Mathew Lawrence**, co-author of the recently published ***Planet on Fire: A Manifest for the Age of Environmental Breakdown*** (<https://www.versobooks.com/books/3702-planet-on-fire>) is taking place on Saturday 12 June @ 11am. As local and international politics tries to face up to the enormous challenge of avoiding the escalation of the climate breakdown, Mathew's talk promises to offer plenty of practical and realisable solutions that we advocate for. This talk is part of Dublin Food Co-op's Community Development programme. Details to register can be found here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkfuGurT8uGNLUQVwvAalXT6pdk9S1Volo>

Another event and part of the same programme takes place on 16 June at 7pm. **Mindy O'Brien**, a co-ordinator of VOICE, is leading a workshop entitled '**Helpful hints on how to Reduce and Properly Manage your Waste**'. This event is also free to attend but you must register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUsc-CsrjltGt1EznuvANkqdDzgFweVhzoZ>

The **Dublin Food Co-operative's Community Development Programme** has more details of all future events available here. <https://dublinfood.coop/community/community-development/>

'**Rebuild Better Together**' takes place on **1 July at 10am – 1pm**. This online conference is an exploration of Ireland's co-operative responses to social and economic challenges and marks a landmark date in the co-operative calendar. Co-organised by Co-operative Housing Ireland, SCSi, Dublin Food Co-op, Co-operative Alternatives, UCC, and many others this event promises to present a wide variety of

co-operative activity taking place across Ireland today. More details on how to register here: <https://cooperativehousing.ie/rebuild-better-together/>

For more information on this year's theme for **International Co-operatives Day** see: <https://www.ica.coop/en/events/international-day-co-operatives>

Three new co-operatives have launched in County Mayo as part of a rural development programme. These are Comharchumann Mhíchíl Mhic Dháibhéid (Achill), Comharchumann Flidhis (Erris) and Beacha Acla (Achill) and you can find out more about what these societies are doing and read about their formal launch in this article for the *Connacht Tribune*: <https://www.con-telegraph.ie/2021/05/31/minister-to-launch-three-new-co-ops-on-visit-to-mayo-today/>

Dr Ruth McManus published a fascinating article about a highly **successful co-operative housing scheme launched by Rev David Hall a century ago in East Wall**. The article shows the potential of housing co-operatives to make a positive transformative effect during a crisis even when the local and national state approach to a lack of affordable public housing might be generously described as timid: <https://www.rte.ie/brainstorm/2021/0531/1225008-ireland-housing-1920s-reverand-david-hall-st-barnabas-public-utility-society/>