



**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. If you have any announcements you would like to share with members please get in touch at

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**Cultivate** have produced a new paper and podcast that will be of interest to members: **A Question of SCALE: “Imagining a cooperative, community-led approach to regional resilience”**. Cultivate produced this framing paper with Green Foundation Ireland and the Green European Foundation. The paper introduces and explores the potential of the Social and Solidarity economy, with a focus on Doughnut Economics, Just Transition, The Commons, Community Wealth Building, Federated co-ops new co-operative approaches. Contributors Include **Dr Oliver Moore** (Centre for Co-Operative Studies at UCC, Cultivate and ARC2020), **Dr Noreen Byrne** (Centre for Co-Operative Studies at UCC), **Kevin Flanagan** (PhD Researcher at the Department of Anthropology, Maynooth University), **Seán McCabe** (TASC – Think-tank for Action on Social Change), **Sinéad Mercier** (Consultant on climate change law and policy), **Dr Carol Power** (Centre for Co-Operative Studies at UCC), **Davie Philip** (Cultivate, ECOLISE)

Here are the relevant links:

Question of Scale Framing Paper <https://gef.eu/publication/a-questions-of-scale/>

Question of Scale Podcast [https://youtu.be/TnQaq\\_E3xaA](https://youtu.be/TnQaq_E3xaA)

**Sarah Bredin’s** *Irish Times* article from **15 Feb** focuses on the issue of shopping ethically and prominently features the work of the Dublin Food Co-operative:

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/consumer/the-ethical-shopper-buy-local-read-labels-think-before-you-shop-1.4481224>

**Prof Brendan Murtagh** (Queen’s University Belfast) is delivering a talk on ‘**The Social Economy and Urban Regeneration**’, which examines the connections between social economy and urban regeneration in Belfast. The talk takes place at Geography Department at UCD on **18 February at 1pm**. More details here:

<https://www.ucd.ie/geography/newsandevents/researchseminars/#d.en.422505> and the zoom link for the event is <https://ucd-ie.zoom.us/j/61261225697>

The UK-based think tank **Common Wealth** are running an online panel on the 'Future of Digital Co-ops' on **Friday 19 February at 2.30**. The panel features **Kayleigh Walsh** (Outlandish), **Ludovica Rogers** (Co-operatives UK), **John Evans** (CoTech), **Mansib Rahman** (Radish), and **Trebor Scholz** (The New School) for a session on the future of digital co-operatives. Details to register and attend the event can be found here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-future-of-digital-co-ops-how-policy-can-help-scale-the-sector-tickets-141270384523?aff=efbneb>

Of more general interest perhaps, the **Nevin Economic Research Institute (NERI)** is hosting a lecture by Professor Cormac Ó Gráda which is titled 'The Irish Economy After A Century'. The lecture takes place on **23 Feb at 3pm**. Details on how to attend can be found here: <https://www.neroinstitute.net/events/2021/8th-annual-neri-donal-nevin-lecture-webinar>

Details on **future NERI webinars** can be found: <https://www.neroinstitute.net/events>