



**Society for
Co-operative Studies Ireland
Membership News
April 2021**

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 Patrick.marydoyle@gmail.com

Wishing all co-operators a Happy International Worker's Day. In co-operation,
Patrick Doyle, Communications Officer, SCSi

Save the Date! 1 July 2021: This year's **International Day of Co-operatives** will focus on the theme of Building Back Better. The SCSi, along with co-operators from Co-operative Housing Ireland, Dublin Food Co-operative, Co-operative Alternatives, University College Cork's Department of Co-operative Studies will be hosting an online event on the morning of 1 July. This will feature contributions from a wide variety of co-operators across Ireland discussing important questions about how to build a future and better economy – and the important role co-operatives must play in that work. For more information on this year's theme see:
<https://www.ica.coop/en/events/international-day-co-operatives>

An article '**Farming in the War of Independence: Co-ops in the Line of Fire**' **appeared** in the *Farming Independent* this month. The piece focused on the experiences of agricultural co-operatives a century ago and featured a contribution from the SCSi's Patrick Doyle: <https://www.independent.ie/business/farming/rural-life/farming-in-the-war-of-independence-co-ops-in-the-line-of-fire-as-crown-forces-take-reprisals-for-ira-attacks-40278712.html>

The **Dublin Food Co-operative's Community Development Programme** continues with forthcoming events focusing on 'Doughnut Economics and Co-operatives' and 'Fuss-free Sustainable Living'. More details about these, and future, events are available here, as well as information on how to register:
<https://dublinfood.coop/community/community-development/>

Co-operative Alternatives have another excellent webinar coming up next month focused on co-operative governance. '**Co-operation in Action**' is taking place on 26 May will be facilitated by Ellie Perrin. More details and how to register can be found here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/co-operation-in-action-tickets-151943706717>