



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

Here are the latest updates related to co-operative activities across Ireland that might be of interest.

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Co-operative Alternatives are running a series of webinars across February and March 2022. The first one **New Co-op on the Block: Azora Community Farm** takes place on 17 February, 13:00-14:00. Details to register and for further information can be found here: <https://www.coopalternatives.coop/events-2020/>

A new report by **TASC** has been published last month. **TASC People's Transition Phibsborough Report** follows on from **TASC's** 'The People's Transition' report from 2020 and gives an update about practical initiatives that have taken place at a local level. Much for co-operators to ruminate on.

<https://www.tasc.ie/publications/tasc-peoples-transition-phibsboro-report-1/>

An open consultation on proposed co-operative societies legislation has been launched by Minister for Trade Promotion, Digital and Company Regulation, Robert Troy. The consultation is open until 25 Feb 2022: <https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/71462-minister-troy-launches-public-consultation-on-proposed-co-operative-societies-legislation/>

The Swoboda Research Centre have published a **Report on the Credit Union Research Colloquium Ireland** on 14 January 2022. This event brought together a range of stakeholders to discuss potential avenues for research and collaboration to help develop the sector. The report is authored by Nick Money and Paul Jones and is available here: https://swobodacentre.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/202201_Swoboda_32_Research_Colloquium_Ireland.pdf

Leslie Huckfield recently published a new study of the development of the co-operative movement and the social economy in late-20th century Britain. It should be essential reading for Irish co-operators. ***How Blair Killed the Co-ops: Reclaiming Social Enterprise from its Neoliberal Turn*** is available now from Manchester University Press: <https://manchesteruniversitypress.co.uk/9781526149732/>

Leslie will also be giving a talk on his research at the University of Limerick on 2 March @ 2pm. Access details will be forthcoming but if interested do get in contact with me at Patrick.marydoyle@gmail.com