



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

Here are some of the latest updates related to co-operative activities across Ireland and further afield that might be of interest. Any information or further insights from members related to the legislative matters highlighted below would be greatly appreciated.

If people have any items for the next newsletter, please let me know.

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A write-up of the **General Scheme of the Co-operative Societies Bill** is available in *Co-operative News*. It puts forward the views and concerns of leaders associated with ICOS and Co-operative Housing Ireland, and the SCSi President Bridget Carroll. <https://www.thenews.coop/168804/topic/legal/irish-co-op-apex-raises-concerns-with-ministers-over-co-operative-societies-bill/>

A **legal summary of the Bill** has been provided by Mathesons, available here: <https://www.matheson.com/insights/detail/co-operative-societies-bill-2022-from-a-financing-perspective>

The **International Co-operative Alliance 2023 Conference** will be held in Leuven, Belgium on 10-13 July. The Programme for the conference has yet to be finalised, but details will be available here: <https://ica-ccr2023.com/>

The **Cork Student Housing Co-operative** held a recent event discussing the future of student housing and the importance and need for a co-operative solution to this crisis. The event featured Dr Scott Jennings (Vice-Chair of Student Co-op Homes), Councillor Lorna Bogue (An Rabharta Glas), Ryan Harling (Secretary of Belfast Student Housing Co-op), among others. You can read a write-up of the event here: https://issuu.com/uccstudentmedia/docs/issue_12_aeee65baef1ab5

In a piece of co-operative related news, **Denis Brosnan, former CEO of Kerry Group**, and a leading supporter of the movement away from a co-operative to a PLC model for agribusiness has found himself in a spot of bother. More details can be found here. <https://www.independent.ie/business/irish/denis-brosnan-case-against-former-son-in-law-must-go-to-full-trial-42385809.html>

