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The Co-operative Forum (N.I.) Ltd

88 Clifton Street, BELFAST, BT13 1AB

Conference to be held at Trinity College, Dublin

From Plunkett to the Credit Crunch: Unlocking the potential for the growth and development of co-operative enterprises through access to ethical finance in Ireland North and South.

Friday 30th and Saturday 31st July 2010

Delegates begin to arrive at times they advise on their booking forms.

- 2.45pm Scene setting session led by Erskine Holmes, Chair of the Co-operative Forum (N.I.) and Anna McAleavy, Secretary of the Co-operative Forum (N.I.)
- 3.00pm Visit to Plunkett House and meeting with Seamus O'Donohoe, General Secretary, ICOS
- 5.00pm Visit to a co-operative enterprise project with Co-operative Support Services
- 7.30pm Dinner in Historic Eighteenth Century Scholars' "Commons" Hall. with guest speaker(s) and invited guests.

Saturday 31st July

- 9.00am Registration of Saturday delegates.
- 9.15am **Iain Macdonald, Director General of the International Co-operative Alliance (ICA)**
International co-operative developments: how to address the co-operative development of the immigrants who now live in Ireland and in particular how to develop co-operative ideas and solutions drawing on the co-operative heritage in their countries of origin.
- 10.15am **Peter Couchman, Chief Executive, Plunkett Foundation**
The relevance of Horace Plunkett to modern co-operative enterprise and an insight into support available to encourage the development co-operative enterprises.
- 11.00 am **Coffee**
- 11.15am **Co-operation in the Devolved Administrations**

Co-operative Challenges in Wales
Alex Bird, Executive Chair, Co-operatives Wales introduces a member of the newly established Welsh Cross Party Group on Co-operative and Mutuals

Co-operative Enterprise in Scotland

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Jim Lee, Secretary Co-operation & Mutuality Scotland
Introduces a member of the Cross Party Group on Co-operatives and
Mutuals

***Progress on establishing an All Party Assembly Group on Co-operative
and Mutuals in Northern Ireland***

Anna McAleavy, Secretary, Co-operative Forum (N.I.) introduces a member
of the All Party Group.

- 1.00pm **Lunch**
- 2.15pm **Dr. S.I.G. Adamson, OBE, Chairman of the Somme Association**
The impact of Horace Plunkett on Irish Society and Co-operation in Ireland
- 3.00pm **Ethical Finance and support for the Co-operative Sector**
- Social Enterprise Finance to support Social enterprise in Ireland: the role of
UCIT and Clan Credo.
- Mark Bailey President, Irish League of Credit Unions and Kevin Helferty,
ILCU**
- Tommy Jeffers, Ulster Federation of Credit Unions**
- Developments in the role of financial co-operatives in supporting communities
- 3.45pm **Coffee / Tea**
- 4.00pm E-Commerce and the Credit Union Movement: access to affordable finance to
support families in need of home appliances. Role of Co-operative Group
- Mutual Finance to refinance NI Housing programme: is this a way ahead.
- David Coulter, Deputy Chief Executive , Co-operatives^{UK}**
Supporting co-operative enterprise.
- 5.15pm **Golden Anikwe, National Co-ordinator, Co-operative Support Services**
A practitioner's perspective on co-operative enterprise development including
access to support services.
- 5.30pm **Plenary**
- 6.00pm **Close**
- 7.30pm **Dinner – small group discussion in local restaurants**

Sunday 1st August 2010

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9.30am to 12.30pm

- 9.30am Wind up discussion followed by a tour of the Trinity area ending with a visit to see the Book of Kells.

Conference Fees

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| Day delegate <i>(includes lunch, tea and coffee)</i> | £25 |
| Residential Rates: | |
| Fri 30 th and Sat 31 st July (one night) | £75 |
| Fri 30 th , Sat 31 st July and Sun 1 st Aug (two nights) | £125 |
| Note: | |
| <i>There is a 50% reduction for accompanying persons</i> | |