

# Future Co-operatives 2013

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**DATE:** Friday 25, Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 2013

**VENUE:** The Longmynd Hotel, Church Stretton, Shropshire SY6 6AG



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## Event outline (click on the blue text for more information)

### Friday evening, January 25th 2013

- Keynote speaker: **Ted Howard**, Evergreen Co-operatives, Community Wealth, Democracy Collaborative
- Co-operative & Community Finance 40<sup>th</sup> birthday party & launch party for their Community Shares fund

### Saturday, January 26th 2013

Helping to answer the question are:

- **Radical Routes**
- **Move Your Money**
- **Transition REconomy**
- **Foundation for Democracy & Sustainable Development**

### Sunday, January 27th 2013

There is only breakfast & post conference hangover for those foolhardy souls who stayed Saturday night.

### Venue:

The Longmynd, Church Stretton, Shropshire.

- The Longmynd is an HF Holidays hotel.
- HF Holidays is a co-operative and a member of Co-operative Futures.

### Booking:

Contact HF Holidays direct who will take your booking and arrange payment with you.

- Call **01694 722 244** or email [info.longmynd@hfholidays.co.uk](mailto:info.longmynd@hfholidays.co.uk) quoting Reference Number **63534**
- The booking reference refers only to the Future Co-operatives 2013 event but HF Holidays have asked that we let delegates know that they will be very pleased to offer favourable rates to delegates if they would like to either arrive early or stay beyond the conference in order to enjoy the hotel and the joys of the stunning Shropshire Hills.



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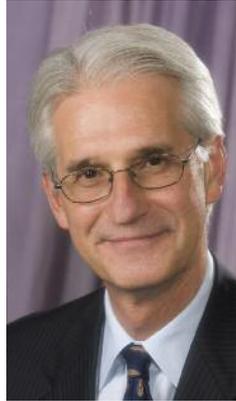
## Keynote speaker

### Ted Howard, **Evergreen Co-operatives**, Cleveland, Ohio

Ted is co-founder and executive director of The Democracy Collaborative at the University of Maryland. The Collaborative is recognised as a US leader in the field of community wealth building strategies and policy development. Its Anchor Institutions project focuses on the role universities, hospitals and other place-based anchors can play in fostering economic and community development.

The Evergreen Cooperatives of Cleveland, Ohio are pioneering innovative models of job creation, wealth building and sustainability. Evergreen's employee-owned, for-profit companies are based locally and hire locally. They create meaningful green jobs and keep precious financial resources within the Greater University Circle neighbourhoods. Worker-owners at Evergreen earn a living wage and build equity in the firms as owners of the business.

The Evergreen initiative is ringing the right economic



bells across the US, and the San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank has now published an article that they asked Ted to write for their recent publication, 'Investing in What Works for America's Communities'. In it Ted writes: "Rather than allowing vast streams of money to leak out of the community or be captured by distant companies, local anchor institutions can agree to make their purchases locally. This approach is known as 'community wealthbuilding'.

"It is a form of development that puts wealth in the hands of locally rooted forms of business enterprise (with ownership vested in community stakeholders), not just investor-driven corporations.

"These anchored businesses (both for-profit and non profit) in turn reinvest in their local neighbourhoods, building wealth in asset-poor communities.

"As such, they contribute to local economic stability and stop the leakage of dollars from communities, which in turn reinforces environmental sustainability and equitable development."



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## Saturday's featured groups

### **Move Your Money**

Banks rely on the deposits of ordinary savers. So when you choose where you keep your money, you are choosing between supporting business as usual or taking a simple but powerful step towards a better banking system and a better future. By moving your money you can directly support an ethical and socially useful bank, and send a message about the sort of society and economy you want to see. And one you'd rather not.

### **Radical Routes**

Radical Routes is a network of radical co-ops whose members are committed to working for positive social change. The network is made up mainly of housing co-ops of various sizes (none with more than 17 members), a few workers co-ops and a couple of social centres

### **Transition REconomy**

The REconomy Project is here to help build the capacity of Transition Initiatives, and other community organisations doing similar work, to grow a new kind of local economy. It's aimed at people active in Transition, or similar community-based organisations.

### **Foundation for Democracy and Sustainable Development**

FSDS is proud to be a key founding organisation behind the new Alliance for Future Generations (AFG). The Alliance's members are organisations and individuals working to ensure that long-termism and the needs of future generations are brought into the heart of UK democracy and policy processes, in order to safeguard the earth and secure intergenerational justice. There is a great deal of work that needs to be done to achieve wider cultural transformation – so that as citizens, we place higher value on future generations and collective well-being.



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## programme of events & activities

### Friday January 25

**Morning coffee  
or tea**  
10.30 - 11.00

**After coffee**  
11.00 - 1.00

- National meeting of CDBs

**Lunch**  
12.30 - 14.00

**After lunch**  
14.00 - 15.00

- Meeting of CDBs continues
- Worker Co-op Council meeting

**Afternoon tea**  
15.00 - 15.30

**Late afternoon**  
15.30 - 17.00

- Meeting of CDBs continues
- Worker Co-op Council welcome meeting (open) for delegates from worker co-ops

**Break**  
17.00 - 18.00

**Keynote speaker**  
18.00

- Formal conference begins
- 5 Pebbles (Jim)
- Ted Howard

19.00

- Co-operative & Community Finance 40th birthday reception & Community Shares Fund launch

**Evening Meal**  
20.00

**After Evening  
Meal**

- Rocket Rothwell's general knowledge quiz (in the bar)

### Saturday January 26

**After breakfast**  
09.00 - 10.30

- Welcome from Brian Smith
- Introduction to the day from Jo White
- Discussion

**Morning coffee  
or tea**  
10.30 - 11.00

**After coffee**  
11.00 - 12.30

- Radical Routes & Transition REconomy

**Lunch**  
12.30 - 13.30

**After lunch**  
13.30 - 15.00

- Move Your Money & FDSD

**Afternoon tea**  
15.00 - 15.30

**Late afternoon**  
15.30 - 17.00

- Speakers & delegates will discuss: 'Co-operatives in 2013: are they THE alternative solution or an antiquated irrelevance?'

17.00

- Formal conference ends

18.00 - 20.00

- Debrief & put the world to rights in bar

**Evening Meal**  
20.00

**After Evening  
Meal**

- Putting the world to rights in the bar

### Sunday January 27

**After breakfast**  
09.00 - 10.30

- There is only breakfast & post conference hangover for those foolhardy souls who stayed Saturday night.
- Go home! (If you haven't already gone.)

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## Venue



HF Holidays is an award winning co-operative society and is owned by our 32,000+ members. HF Holidays has been helping people enjoy the outdoors for almost 100 years. Today over 50,000 people come on holiday with us every year, enjoying the walking, the hospitality and the company. We invite you to invest in us and join our Society which has some great added benefits.

**The Longmynd Hotel,  
Church Stretton,  
Shropshire SY6 6AG  
T: +44 (0) 1694 722244  
W: [www.longmynd.co.uk](http://www.longmynd.co.uk)**

The Longmynd Hotel is situated in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and enjoys stunning views over the old market town of Church Stretton. A Green Tourism Business, the hotel prides itself on offering guests a warm welcome and friendly, professional staff with good local knowledge who will be

pleased to help you get the best out of your stay.

We have demonstrated our commitment by becoming a member of the Shropshire Hills Sustainable Business Scheme. We work hard to reduce our business impact on the environment and operate in a sustainable way. Heating and hot water in the hotel has been generated by a biomass boiler since early 2008, so we have been early adopters of low carbon technologies. We encourage our guests to support our efforts through our



Responsible Visitor Charter. Our Environmental and Social Responsibility Policy outlines efforts to reduce our impact on the world around us.

Our work has been recognised by the Green Tourism Business Scheme by awarding us a Gold Award in January 2012.



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## Fees & how to book

### Fees

Friday to Sunday ..... £275.00\*

Friday to Saturday afternoon .. £200.00\*

Friday or Saturday only ..... £100.00\*

\* All figures exclusive of VAT

**Please note:** Co-operative Futures does not seek to make a profit from this event.

Delegate fees are calculated as only the estimated income necessary to cover the cost of putting the event on, exclusive of Co-operative Futures' staff time, for which we do not charge.

### How to book

Contact The Longmynd on 01694 722 244 or email [info.longmynd@hfholidays.co.uk](mailto:info.longmynd@hfholidays.co.uk) quoting reference number 63534. They will arrange your booking and payment.

**Please note:** The Longmynd has 55 rooms. Once those rooms are booked, alternative local accommodation will be arranged for additional delegates.



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