



Co-Forum 2013

Co-ops and Credit Unions – Perfect Partners in Community Regeneration
22-23rd Feb 2013, Parkway Hotel, Cwmbran

2012, the International Year of Co-operatives, was a great opportunity to raise the profile of the Co-operative and Mutual movement, and worldwide the movement is now fired up for action. The year in Wales was buoyant with events across Wales including the Co-operative Group's ICD Conference and a series of research papers published by the Wales Co-operative Centre. The year finished off with the announcement by the Business Minister, Edwina Hart, the full list of who would serve on the Assembly Commission looking at the Co-operative and Mutual Sector in Wales to be chaired by Andrew Davies (previously an Assembly Member and Business Minister)

www.cooperatives-wales.coop/?p=1785#more-1785



2013 is the start of the International Co-operative Alliance's **Co-operative Decade** www.cooperatives-wales.coop/?p=1818. This intends to take the co-operative way of doing business to a new level. At its heart is the **"2020 challenge"** which is that by 2020, co-operatives will become:-

- The acknowledged leader in economic, social and environmental sustainability
- The business model preferred by people
- The fastest growing form of enterprise

Co-Forum 2013 is a unique chance for Credit Unions and Co-operatives in Wales to gather together in a comfortable setting to discuss their future plans.

Co-Forum 2013 will be focussed on partnership, discussion and strategy development.

Co-Forum 2013 is a conversation not a lecture. We hope you will come and participate in the debate and take up the **2020 challenge**

CO-OPERATIVE ENTERPRISES BUILD A BETTER WORLD





Co-Forum 2013 is intended to be a chance for credit unions and other co-operators to meet together in an informal setting. Not quite as grand as the World Economic Forum in Davos, but equally as important and so much more democratic.

Come along to:-

- Network together
- Understand each other's agendas
- Plan co-operative working
- Develop partnerships of CUs and Co-ops to regenerate communities
- Start to develop a consensus body of evidence to present to the Co-operative Commission

Fees

- Residential, Friday from 5.00pm, Saturday all day including accommodation, wine reception and dinner - £35
- Saturday Day Delegates – No charge, but you must book in advance

Sponsors

- Co-operatives UK
- Co-operative Group Membership Cymru/Wales
- Coalfields Regeneration Trust

Event Format

- A residential Conference/Congress/Summit. Starting on Friday evening with dinner and networking, followed by a one day event
- 50 residential places + a further 50 day places
- Emphasis on discussion and networking
- Plenary + facilitated workshops/salon discussions
- Formal and informal discussion
- Separate session for Co-operatives UK members and potential members/interested co-ops. Co-operatives UK welcomes your feedback on what you want from the UK trade body for co-ops

Booking

Advance booking, online only, is essential at www.co-forum2013.eventbrite.co.uk

Early booking is advised as places are limited





CO-OPERATIVES and Mutuals Wales **Co-Forum 2013** Timetable

Friday

- 5.00pm Arrive from
- 7.00pm Wine reception
- 7.45pm Opening remarks
- Alex Bird – Executive Chair, Co-operatives & Mutuals Wales
- 8.00pm Dinner
- 10.00pm Networking

Saturday

- 8.00am Breakfast from
- 09.30am Welcome - Plenary
- Alex Bird CMW
 - John Goodman - Co-ops UK
 - Sian Sykes - Coalfields Regeneration Trust
 - Co-operative Group Membership Cymru/Wales
- 10.00am Speakers - Plenary
- Co-operating for Regeneration in Cardigan - Cris Tomos, Chief Executive, Cadwgan Building Preservation Trust
 - Co-operation in Newtown, from Credit Unions to Renewables - Mick Brown, Robert Owen Community Banking Partnership
- 11.00am Coffee
- 11.30am Workshops (1)
- Governance and member engagement – Martin Price, consultancy.coop
 - Evidence preparation for the Co-op Commission – Derek Walker
 - How to make a million jobs – Colin Crooks – CEO Tree Shepherd
- 12.30pm Lunch
- 1.30pm Workshops (2)
- Entrepreneurs Co-operative (Caerphilly) – Keith Fletcher
 - Joint CMW/Coops UK members meeting - John Goodman/Alex Bird
- 2.30pm Workshops (3)
- Credit Union Rent Accounts – Teej Dew
 - How to make a million jobs – Colin Crooks – CEO Tree Shepherd
 - Community Investment Fund/Finance Wales Micro Loan Finance Fund - Matt Brown and Alun Jones
- 3.30pm Tea
- 4.00pm Plenary and wind up
- Panel discussion - Feedback from workshops
 - Presenting 3 new collaborative projects
 - Closing remarks – Alex Bird
- 5.00pm Close

The **co-operative** membership
Cymru/Wales



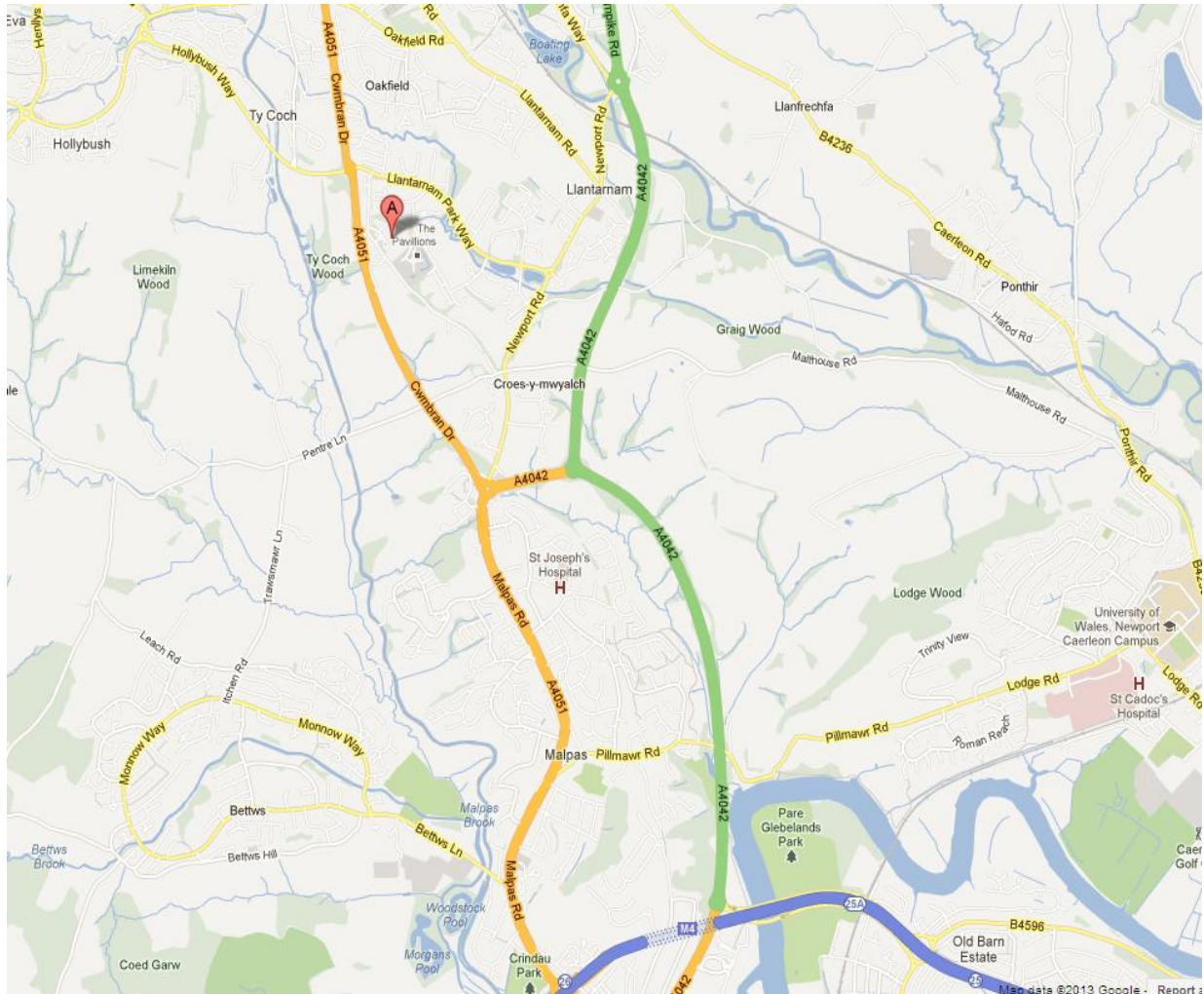
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Co-Forum 2013 Directions



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the coalfields
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