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Friday 28th June 2013  
9.00am-4.00pm

Join us at SWALEC Stadium Cardiff, for a conference exploring the benefits that co-operative principles and practice can bring to the Welsh education system.

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## Co-operative Education in Wales

This conference explores the benefits that co-operative principles and practice can bring to the Welsh education system. Co-operative schools in England have more than doubled to 405 over the past year, and many more are considering adopting the co-operative model. So far, however, the movement has yet to spread to Wales.

Co-operative education, in which learners share ideas and solve problems together without the constant mediation of a teacher, is a distinctive strategy that is being increasingly used in schools and colleges around the world. It is also reflected in the way education institutions are managed and also influences their relationship with parents and the wider community.

The engagement of the co-operative movement with education is nothing new. When it started in the mid-19th Century, the co-operative movement provided educational activities for members and their families. Education is one of the underpinning principles of the co-operative movement globally. The first co-operative school was established by the followers of Robert Owen in Salford in the 1830s, and in recent years the UK co-operative sector has widened its engagement with schools.

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*Ysgol Godre'r Graig, Pontardawe*

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### Friday 28th June

9.00am Coffee and registration

10.00am An introduction to  
Co-operative Education

**The ethos of co-operative education**  
Dave Boston, Chief Executive, Co-operative Schools Society

10.30am Welsh initiatives  
**A Welsh approach to co-operative schools**  
Professor David Egan

**Coleg y Dderwen Community College, Bridgend**  
Andrew Warren, Head Teacher

11.30am Coffee

12 noon International models of  
Co-operative Education  
**Sir Thomas Boughy High School, Newcastle Under Lyme - a co-operative business and enterprise college**  
S. Gould, Head Teacher and Chief Executive

**The Co-operative Education Trust, Scotland**  
Hugh Donnelly, Director

*Ysgol Bronllwyn, Rhondda*



1.00pm Lunch

2.00pm **The Governance of Co-operative Education**  
**The view from the Welsh Government**  
Leighton Andrews AM, Education Minister, Welsh Government

2.30pm Panel discussion  
**How can Wales maximise the potential of co-operative education?**  
Philip Dixon, Director, ATL Cymru  
Anna Brychan, Director, NAHT Cymru  
David Evans, Wales Secretary, NUT  
Elaine Edwards, National Secretary, UCAC

3.30pm **Wales: A Co-operative Nation**  
**The co-operative potential for Wales**  
Professor Andrew Davies, Chair, The Co-operative Commission

4.00pm Tea and close of conference

