

Building on Robert Owen's Co-operative Legacy: Creating Sustainable Communities

**What lessons can we learn
for the 21st century?**

Adeiladu ar Waddol
Cydwethredol Robert Owen:
Creu Cymunedau Cynaliadwy

**Pa wersi allwn ddysgu ar
gyfer y 21ain ganrif?**

Excellent contributors help explore Owen's ideals
& contribution towards Community Wealth Building
Creating Sustainable Communities

Programme

SATURDAY 14th May 2022 9.55 – 12.05 online

9.55. – 10.00 **Welcome:** Cllr. Richard Williams, Mayor, Newtown & Llanllwchaiarn Council

10.00 -10.30 **Robert Owen: the Community Wealth Building Pioneer**

Exploring key themes of Owen's co-operative approach that have relevance for the present day: Liz McIvor, Gillian Lonergan, & Chris Williams. Facilitated by Cilla Ross.

10.30 -11.06 **Building on Owen's Foundations: Creating Sustainable Communities**

- Neil McInroy, Innovative International and UK perspectives
- Michael Brown, Sustainable Development from a grassroots perspective
- Julie James Labour & Co-operative MS, Swansea West, Welsh Government Minister for Climate Change

11.06 – 11.011 **Comfort Break**

11.11-12.05 **Reflections & Response from the audience with the Panel.**
Facilitated by Cilla Ross. Honorary Professor in Co-operative Education, University of Nottingham. Founder of two education co-ops

Promoting an Annual Robert Owen Day

Organised by our members

Presenting:

- **Michael Brown** is a director of 'Open Newtown', a Development Trust managing a 140-acre asset transfer, and is director of Banc Cambria, a new mutual bank for Wales.
- **Julie James** Labour-Co-op MS. Until elected as Member of the Senedd for Swansea West, Julie was a leading environmental and constitutional lawyer. Julie was appointed Minister for Climate Change on 13 May 2021. <https://gov.wales/julie-james-ms>
- **Gillian Lonergan** – retired in 2019 after a career as a librarian for the Co-operative Union (now Co-operatives UK), the Co-operative College and the Co-operative Heritage Trust. Gillian is a chartered librarian, qualified archivist, and Fellow of the Society of Indexers.
- **Neil McInroy** - Senior Fellow for the Global Advancement of Community Wealth Building at the Democracy Collaborative. Former Chief Executive of the Centre for Local Economic Strategies (CLES) - the UK national organisation for local economies. Neil is a Community Wealth Building Adviser to the Scottish Government.
- **Dr. Liz McIvor** is Trust Manager and lead at Co-operative Heritage Trust CIO and Social Historian based in the North West of England <https://www.linkedin.com/in/liz-mcivor-4b80a643/?originalSubdomain=uk>
- **Dr Cilla Ross** is working with others to develop trade union co-ops for the 'future of work', co-creating alternative co-operative education models, & recasting ideas to do with knowledge(s) and co-operatives as sites of learning. In 2009 . In 2009 was a (<https://www.centenarycommission.org/>) Centenary Commissioner on the Commission on Adult Education. Now Hon Fellow of the Co-operative College.

- **Professor Chris William** Head of the College of Arts, Celtic Studies & Social Sciences, & Professor of History at University College Cork, Ireland. His works include 'Robert Owen and his Legacy' (ed., with Noel Thompson; 2011) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chris_Williams_\(academic\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chris_Williams_(academic))

