

Pioneer Robert Owen's
Impact: Learning Lessons
for co-operation &
education



Effaith Robert Owen
yr Arloeswr: Dysgu gwersi
ar gyfer cydweithrediad
ac addysg

Lecture: 'Robert Owen & co-operation' by Prof Chris Williams. With audience's contributions to promote his ideals within our national curriculum.

International Co-operators Day – online event

Programme

Saturday 2nd July 2022 09.55 – 11.10

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Welcome: Mick Antoniw Labour & Co-operative MS for Pontypridd, Counsel General for Wales
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mick_Antoniw

Speaker: Professor Chris Williams, Head of College, College of Arts, Celtic Studies and Social Sciences, University College Cork, Cork <http://research.ucc.ie/profiles/A019/chris.williams@ucc.ie>

'Robert Owen and co-operation' – Among the many movements and ideas that Robert Owen inspired and influenced, cooperation has a claim to be the longest-lasting and most important. The co-operative movement in Britain pre-dated Owen but, from the 1820s, it was infused with his optimism that a better world could be organised around, as he put it, 'principles of union and co-operation'. Such principles took many forms: communitarian experiments, producer associations, the 'labour exchange' movement, and ultimately, the foundation stone of British co-operation, the co-operative store. Although Owen, in this as in so many other cases, moved on rapidly to other enthusiasms after the mid-1830s, his ideas continued to function as a touchstone for co-operators for generations to come. More than a quarter of a millennium after his birth, Owen continues to offer much food for thought for twenty-first century co-operators.

Chair: Chris Hall, Chairperson Co-ops & Mutuals Wales

