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THE CO-OPERATIVE IDENTITY...

FRIDAY JANUARY 30 - SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1



WITH THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS:

The **co-operative** fund

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WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT? THREE THINGS:

- 1:** Future Co-operatives 2009 is the upcoming and not to be missed affordable event in the co-operative calendar, designed to inspire and invigorate those with a co-operative passion.
- 2: The Co-operative Fund:** Future Co-operatives is largely made affordable for delegates by the financial support of the Co-operative Fund, which is heavily subsidising the cost of running the event. We are particularly pleased that this year the Fund will use Saturday morning as an opportunity to outline its plans in light of the challenges the Fund sees for the movement.
- 3: The Co-operative Identity?** This year's theme revolves around debating the co-operative identity and we hope we've chosen 3 debates (see below) that will get your co-operative juices flowing or possibly even get your co-operative goat...

Debate 1: *The Co-operative Movement: Private or Third Sector?*

Debate 2: *A Co-operatives Act vs. A Co-operatives Standard?*

Debate 3: *A Co-operative Quality Marque?*

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THE PLAN...

Friday January 30

11.00am National Employee Co-operative Council (closed meeting); National Employee Co-operative Council open forum & National CDBs' meeting; set up time for stands and displays

1.00pm Lunch

2.00pm National Employee Co-operative Council open forum & National CDBs' meeting

3.30pm Tea, coffee & cakes

4.00pm-5.30pm **Debate 1: The Co-operative Movement – Private or Third Sector**

7.00pm Evening meal followed by drinks in the bar

Saturday January 31

9.30am The Co-operative Development Fund session 1: How the fund plans to roll out its support for co-operative advice and training

10.30am Tea, coffee & cakes

11.00am The Co-operative Development Fund session 2: Co-operative sector challenges - analysis of current challenges and how to address them

12.30pm Lunch

2.00pm **Debate 2: A Co-operatives Act vs. A Co-operatives Standard**

3.30pm Tea, coffee & cakes

4.00pm-5.30pm **Debate 3: Should we develop a co-operative quality mark?**

7.00pm Evening meal followed by drinks in the bar

Sunday February 1

9.30am A hearty breakfast with your co-operative colleagues and then home

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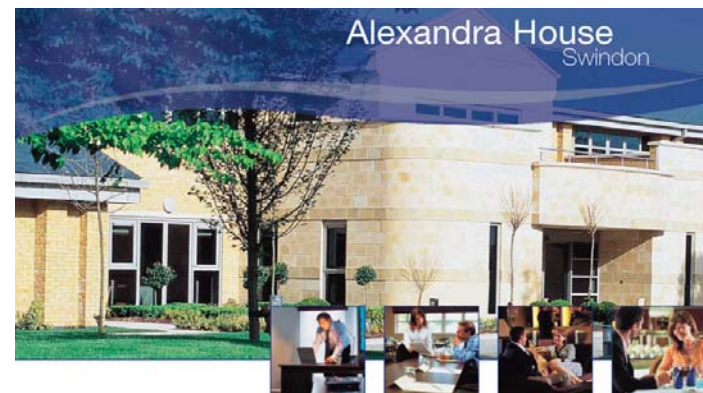
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VENUE

Alexandra House, Swindon

Alexandra House, a purpose built residential conference facility, is set in 20 acres of landscaped grounds and is located just off the M4, three miles from Swindon. It is easily reached from junctions 15 or 16, is just one hour by car from Bristol International Airport and is only minutes from Swindon main line train station with direct links from London.



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HOW MUCH:

- Two nights (Friday January 30 & Saturday January 31) fully catered (lunch, evening meal & breakfast) accommodation and attendance for the event:

£100.00 per delegate

(display space & sponsorship packages available at further cost).

- Day delegates may attend on Saturday only for **£50.00** including lunch

Please note both prices are inclusive of VAT

BOOKING:

- To book your place email info@co-operativefutures.coop or call **0845 456 2506**