

## Setting up Co-operatives Workshop

Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2.00 - 4.00pm

### PROGRAMME

**2.00pm** Welcome - **Nina Elliot** - Chair of South West Peninsula Co-operative Party Council

- **Martin Strube** - Co-operative Development Practitioner: **The Co-operative difference**
- **Cllr Chris Penberthy** - Cabinet Member for Housing and Co-operatives Plymouth City Council: **What councils can do to promote co-operatives?**<sup>12</sup>
- **Andrew Shadrake** - Co-operative Development Adviser<sup>3</sup>: **The opportunity for social care co-operatives in the South West**
- **Veronika Susedkova** - Board member and Sharing Care project lead at Co-operative Care Colne Valley: **The local care co-op's journey - how they've come about, offer learning so far as well as what's next on the way**

**3.00pm** Panel - chaired by **Cllr Hilary Ackland** - Chair of Exeter & Devon Co-operative Party

The speakers will be joined by Nicola Huckerby, Director of branding.coop, to answer questions and share ideas.

**4.00pm** Close

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<sup>1</sup> The City Council's strategic approach to doubling the size of our co-operative economy: <https://www.visitplymouth.co.uk/invest/why-plymouth/key-sectors/co-operatives->

<sup>2</sup> Plymouth City Council's report for CCIN on the role of Councils in supporting the growth of their local co-operative economies: <https://www.councils.coop/coops-unleashed/>:

<sup>3</sup> Andrew advises groups planning to start co-operatives on choosing the right legal form and co-operative rules. He provides online training in directors' duties, and guidance on strategies, business planning and community financing, particularly through share issues. A former solicitor, he is also a Community Shares Licensed Practitioner and a [Hive](#) co-operative support provider.