

Legal Issues for Co-operatives and the Commons

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This session aims to blend input from me with the questions, concerns, experiences and issues raised by those attending the Session.

1. Recent developments on the registration of Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies

- The CCBSA 2014 - <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/14/contents>
- FCA Draft Guidance 2014 - <http://www.fca.org.uk/your-fca/documents/consultation-papers/cp14-22>
- FCA 2015 proposed changes - <http://www.fca.org.uk/your-fca/documents/guidance-consultations/gc15-04>
- Existing “Pre-commencement” societies; co-operatives and community benefit societies – how do they differ? CCBSA 2014 ss 1, 2, 16 & 150

Discussion, Debate & Questions on FCA Proposals & New Legislation

2. Co-operative Identity: When is a Co-op not a Co-op?

- ICA Co-op identity, values & principles - <http://ica.coop/en/whats-co-op/co-operative-identity-values-principles>
- Co-operatives UK as UK custodian of identity 2012 Paper
 - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3k1mIyJumBSM3VQVVU0c25RdmM/view?usp=sharing>
- CUK, and the Bank – 2014 Statement
 - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3k1mIyJumBSczdhSEJPcHBNYVk/view?usp=sharing>
- Open Texture or Vagueness? “I know it when I see it”
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/I_know_it_when_I_see_it

Discussion Debate & Questions on Co-op Identity

3. Co-operation, Community Benefit, Commons and Social Change

- <http://commonstransition.org/property-rights-inequality-and-commons/>
- <http://blog.p2pfoundation.net/reinventing-law-for-the-commons-part-i/2015/09/02>
- <http://blog.p2pfoundation.net/legal-innovations-in-beating-the-bounds-part-ii-of-law-for-the-commons/2015/09/03>
- Using UK Law against the Market?
- Property, altruism and openness?
- Protecting Intention from Degeneration or Misuse?
- The opportunities & risks of a liberal property and business law regime for co-ops and commons?
- Trust Mechanisms?
- Asset Locks?
- General Interest Co-operatives, Co-operative CIC's and Commons?
- Virtual Co-operation?

4. General Discussion Debate & Questions

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