

## Representative/Support organisations

*Details of organisations that support or represent the democratic enterprise movement locally, regionally, nationally or internationally.*

### Scotland

#### Co-operation and Mutuality Scotland (CMS)

A strategic voice for co-operation and mutuality in Scotland, CMS works in partnership with government and others to develop and support new and existing co-operative and mutual enterprises in Scotland. CMS also provides a forum for the sector.

<http://www.scotland.coop>

#### Co-operative Development Scotland

Co-operative Development Scotland (CDS) supports the development of co-operative and employee-owned enterprises across Scotland. We are a Scottish Enterprise subsidiary, and work in partnership with Highlands and Islands Enterprise.

<http://www.scottish-enterprise.com/microsites/co-operative-development-scotland.aspx>

#### Scottish Agricultural Organisation Society (SAOS)

We are Scotland's experts on co-operative and collaborative strategies, structures and management. We provide a comprehensive range of development and consultancy services, supported by The Scottish Government.

<http://www.saos.co.uk/>

#### Scottish League of Credit Unions

The role of the Scottish League of Credit Unions is the promotion of the credit union experience in Scotland and to support its member credit unions in achieving the specific goals and objectives that the credit unions themselves have determined to constitute their individual mandates.

[www.scottishcu.org/](http://www.scottishcu.org/)



## United Kingdom (UK)

### Co-operatives UK

Co-operatives UK is the national trade body that campaigns for co-operation and works to promote, develop and unite co-operative enterprises.

[www.uk.coop/](http://www.uk.coop/)

### The Enterprise Hub

The Co-operative Enterprise Hub works with regional and national groups of experts to bring you the very best advice, training and consultancy on how to set up, run and grow a sustainable co-operative business.

<http://www.co-operative.coop/enterprisehub/>

### Co-operative Futures

We are a business development consultancy specialising in co-operative and community led business. We care passionately that our clients are well set-up with sound business and marketing plans, that they have the right legal and governance arrangements in place, all of which will help them to establish and develop successful and responsible businesses.

<http://www.futures.coop/>

### Employee Ownership Association (EOA)

The Employee Ownership Association is the voice of co-owned business in the UK. We are the business association for companies who are substantially or wholly owned by the people who work for them.

<http://www.employeeownership.co.uk/>

### Baxendale Limited

Baxendale is an employee owned consultancy and works exclusively in the field of employee ownership. Baxendale is the consulting division of Baxi Partnership, which helps organisations move into employee ownership, and helps companies already owned by their employees derive the best from their ownership structure.

<http://www.baxendale.co.uk/>



## Co-operative & Community Finance

Co-operative & Community Finance provides sympathetic loan finance to help people take control of their economic lives and create social benefit.

<http://www.coopfinance.coop/>

## Europe

### The European Confederation of Workers' Cooperatives, Social Cooperatives and Social and Participative Enterprises (CECOP)

CECOP is the European confederation of cooperatives and other employee-owned enterprises that are active in industry, services and crafts, most of them being worker and social cooperatives. It affiliates 25 national federations in 16 EU countries, which in turn affiliate approximately 50,000 enterprises which employ 1.4 million workers and generate an aggregate turnover of around €50 billion.

[www.cecop.coop/](http://www.cecop.coop/)

### The European Association of Co-operative Banks (EACB)

Founded in 1970, the European Association of Co-operative Banks (EACB) is a leading professional lobbying association in the European credit industry. The EACB represents the common interests of co-operative banks and acts as their official spokesperson towards the European institutions.

<http://www.eurocoopbanks.coop/>

### Co-operatives Europe

The European region of the International Co-operative Alliance.

[www.coopseurope.coop/](http://www.coopseurope.coop/)

### European Federation of Employee Share Ownership (EFES)

EFES acts as the umbrella organization of employee owners, companies and all persons, trade unions, experts, researchers, institutions looking to promote employee ownership and participation in Europe.

<http://www.efesonline.org/>



## International

### International Co-operative Alliance (ICA)

ICA is an independent, non-governmental association which unites, represents and serves co-operatives worldwide.

<http://www.ica.coop/al-ica/>

### The National Center for Employee Ownership (NCEO)

The National Center for Employee Ownership (NCEO) is a private, nonprofit membership and research organization that serves as the leading source of accurate, unbiased information on employee stock ownership plans (ESOPs), equity compensation plans such as stock options, and ownership culture.

<http://www.nceo.org/>

### The Ohio Employee Ownership Center (OEOC)

The Ohio Employee Ownership Center, a non-profit outreach center of Kent State University, supports the development of business across Ohio and around the world by its efforts that are proven to save jobs, create wealth, and grow the economy.

<http://www.ocockent.org/>

### The International Association for Financial Participation

The IAFP is a non-profit association which promotes wider employee financial participation and share ownership in an employer's business through support and information sharing among national associations, employers and interested academics.

<http://www.iafp.eu.com/>

### Ownership Associates

Ownership Associates is an international consulting firm providing a range of services to corporations interested in broadening ownership and workplace participation opportunities for employees.

[http://www.ownershipassociates.com/abt\\_principals.shtm](http://www.ownershipassociates.com/abt_principals.shtm)



### **United States Federation of Worker Cooperatives**

The United States Federation of Worker Cooperatives is a national grassroots membership organization of and for worker cooperatives, democratic workplaces, and organizations that support the growth and development of worker cooperatives.

<http://www.usworker.coop/front>

### **Ontario Co-operative Association (On Co-op)**

The Ontario Co-operative Association (On Co-op) is a resource and common voice for Ontario credit unions and co-operatives in the areas of co-operative development, government relations, membership and communications, and lifelong co-operative learning. Our mission is to lead, cultivate and connect co-operatives.

[www.ontario.coop/](http://www.ontario.coop/)

### **North American Students of Cooperation (NASCO)**

The North American Students of Cooperation (NASCO) Family [of associations] organizes and educates affordable group equity co-ops and their members for the purpose of promoting a community oriented cooperative movement.

[www.nasco.coop/](http://www.nasco.coop/)

