

BATH AND WEST CO-OPERATIVE PARTY

PUBLIC MEETING

LIVING CO-OPERATIVE VALUES AND UNDERSTANDINGS TOGETHER

Saturday 4 March 2017 Friends' Meeting House, 1 to 3 pm York Street, Bath, BA1 1NG

The conversation will include contributions from members of the Bath and West Co-operative Society on:

- Co-operative Values
- Eulogy for the life of Edgar Evans (1933-2016)
- Eulogy for the life of Tim Pearce (1941-2015)
- Bryn Jones leading a discussion on his book *Corporate Power and Respectable Capitalism: Towards Social Accountability*
- How can we live our cooperative values and understandings more fully and spread their influence as widely as possible?

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Coming together to make a difference

The Bath and West cooperative party is looking to bring together the local community to share how individuals working together can make a difference to society.

"Our group believes in democracy and that all members are equal; self-responsibility in terms of support and encouraging each other; equality in terms of giving people the chance to get involved; and most importantly solidarity – we believe that we are stronger together," explains Jack Whitehead Secretary of the Bath and West Co-operative party

On 4 March 2017, at the Friends Meeting House, York Street, Bath, BA1 1NG, between 13.00 – 15.00, there will be an opportunity to hear about Corporate Power and Responsible Capitalism: towards social accountability based on ideas from our member Bryn Jones.

Jack adds, "We have a really vibrant and lively group who meet regularly and who believe in the core values of **self-help**, **self-responsibility**, **democracy**, **equality**, **equity** and **solidarity**.

"There are many groups and individuals who believe that conversation and sharing how individuals are living their lives through their own values and beliefs is bringing about a strong change to a different, fairer and better way of making a difference in society," add Jack.

On 21 January 2017, it is estimated over 2 million women came together to march peacefully to advocate legislation and policies regarding human rights and other issues, including women's rights, immigration reform, healthcare reform, the natural environment, LGBTQ rights, racial equality, freedom of religion and workers' rights. These women made their voices heard.

Jack explains: "We are looking to bring together our voices, our action, our influence, and our power together and work together to make a choice to stand together and show our influence for social good in living our cooperative values.

The meeting will discuss cooperative values from the International Cooperative Alliance, and hear eulogies about the lives of co-operators Edgar Evans and Tim Pearce.

Join us on the 4 March 2017 to contribute to the discussion and to start making a difference. Together we have the power to make things change.

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