Co-ops Collaborating for a Sustainable Future
Venue: Brighthelm Centre Brighton
Thursday 12th October, 2017

Programme

09:30   **Registration and coffee**

10:00   **Welcome - Co-operatives South East**

10:05   **Russell Smith - Retrofit Works -** a consortium co-op bringing together retrofit providers and making retrofit energy efficiency measures more accessible to households and businesses.

10.15   **Panel**
Panel members will outline how they are collaborating with other co-ops to make food, housing, energy or transport more sustainable whilst also strengthening the co-ops involved.

Kayla Ente, Founder, CEO bhesco - big supporters of collaboration between social enterprises, including co-ops. Kayla will give some examples of how by collaborating, bhesco has created benefits for all their partners, including co-operatives.

Dexter Bailey - Infinity - a worker's co-op, Infinity Foods is one of the UK's leading wholesale distributors of Organic and natural foods.

Dhara Thompson - Sail Boat Project - - the Workers' Co-operative, provides a range of learning activities based around sailing, widening access to the sea. They are also looking to establish their own cross-channel cargo route.

11:45   Table Discussions
Now you have heard how co-ops are collaborating to be more sustainable:

- what opportunities are there for your co-op to collaborate with other co-ops more?
- have you got a resource or opportunity to share with another co-op?
- do you have an offer for another co-op to take advantage of?
- do you have a request that a co-op could help you with?

12:30   Lunch

13:15   Video

13:20   Networking
Attendees will be offered 45 seconds to announce their offer or request for a co-op to collaborate with, or to tell us what they are going to do more of

14:00   Questions to the Panel

15:15   Open Discussion
- What should Co-operatives SE be doing
- What do you want from it?
- What role should it play"

15:45   CSE AGM

16:15   Close

16.15   Further Networking at The Prince Albert, 48 Trafalgar Street, BN1 4ED - all welcome