

Co-operatives UK

Case studies of young people

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**Young people who aren't currently members of co-ops but
are interested in finding out more**



Anabelle Cook



Annabelle Cook is an A level student studying French, History, English Literature and English Language at Cardinal Langley Sixth Form College, Rochdale

She is looking forward to being the first member of her family to go to University.

Belle currently works as a GCSE English Tutor and is also a volunteer Performing Arts coach for the North West Youth Theatre, a community charity based in Moston that works with young children to make theatre arts accessible to all.

Liam Scholes



- **Liam Scholes** is a young Manchester based actor who has appeared in Coronation Street and Peaky Blinders.
- He is involved in Our Pass, a scheme to make public transport accessible to young people in Manchester, funded by Mayor Andy Burnham.
- Our Pass is exploring becoming a co-operative, led by the young people who use it.

Co-ops led by young people

InFact Digital



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- InFact Digital Co-op are a small London based digital and creative agency owned and controlled by the workers.
- Ivan Gonzalez, Lucy King, Max Gerber and Noga Enbar began working as a collective of freelancers after meeting through London's tech co-op community
- "We are convinced that co-op working is the future. We probably didn't ever consider setting up any other way. We wanted to be in control of our own destinies," says Lucy King.
- They believe in the power of technology and design to act as a force for social good.
- <https://www.infactcoop.com/>



Wings



- Providing an ethical alternative to existing food delivery apps, Wings platform co-op was formed to give delivery riders fair pay and conditions.
- Launched in the Finsbury Park area of London in July 2021, the Wings app is the only food delivery platform that pays riders a guaranteed London Living Wage. It's also the only platform with 100% zero-carbon vehicles.
- Wings riders are ensured job security, sick pay and benefits. And the co-op is committed to prioritising local, independent businesses over big chains.
- “I want every rider currently getting a bad deal in the gig economy to eventually have the option of a proper, dignified job with decent pay,” says Rich Mason, co-founder of Wings.

Student Co-op Homes

- A national body set up to grow the UK student co-operative housing movement, Student Co-op Homes aims to create affordable, higher quality housing for students in higher education.
- Students face increasing pressure, debt and mental health challenges,” says Student Co-op Homes Director Scott Jennings. “Student housing co-ops are a solution that can break the cycle of high-cost, poor-quality private rents that drive up debt and exacerbate poor health.”



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