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progressive,
ethical, equal,
fair, community
focused
co-operatives

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Our Impact 5 years of progress

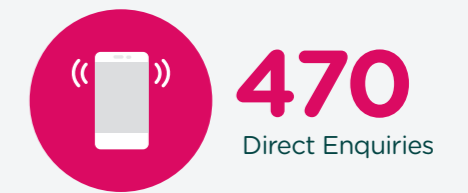
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For every **£1** invested by our funders, **£2.2** were invested by the public in new co-operatives through Community Share Offers by **1,902** co-owners in co-operative enterprises.

Support, Training & Advice



Number of groups engaged by Co-operative Alternatives



Types of support given

- Community Share Offers
- Start Up Support
- Co-op Business Planning
- Co-op Society Registration
- Secretarial Services
- Member Engagement
- Marketing & PR

Co-operative Development & Community Shares



Sectors Reached



Renewable Energy



Community Supported Agriculture



Leisure & Sport



Community Building & Housing

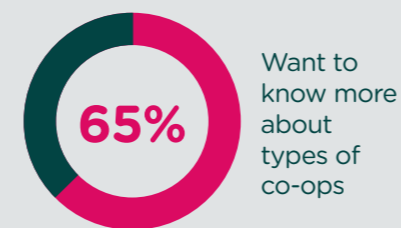


Creative Industry



Craft & Artisan Food & Drink

Co-operative Alternatives Survey (Summer 2017)



Raising Awareness



17,282 website user sessions
30,361 website page views



841 Twitter followers
17,400 Twitter impressions during Co-ops Can Do Event (Nov 2017)



120 Newspaper articles published about Co-operative Alternatives and the co-ops we support.

Media Coverage BBC Radio Ulster and radio Foyle, Belfast Telegraph, Irish News, Newsletter, Co-op News, Business Eye, Business First, Farm Week, Farming Life & weekly newspapers

What they've said...

Ed Mayo, Secretary General - Co-operatives UK

"Northern Ireland ranks high in terms of co-operative values. Whenever you have co-ops working and generating economic value to a region it drives greater equality and participation and is a model of an inclusive economy."

Keith Forster from the Department for the Economy's Strategic Policy Division
"Co-ops have an important role to play in Northern Ireland's economic future."

William Millar - Raglan Community Development and Renovation Society

"The team at Co-Operative Alternatives were instrumental in the development of the Raglan Project as with their help we have been able to gather pledges and investments to our Community Share offer, which in turn will release up to £125K of 'matched funding' from Mid & East Antrim Borough Council."

Andrea McKernon - Doggy Dynamos

"Cooperative Alternatives has been wonderful for Doggy Dynamos with meeting rooms supplied, a treasure trove of knowledge and guidance, and a clearly defined start-up business plan so we know where we are going and how to get there."

Laurie Davies - Lacada Brewery Co-operative

"Co-op Alternatives was essential to Lacada Brewery being established. Their advice on governance helped us understand structure. They continue to provide support and knowledge about cooperation - they're always there when we have questions and, when you're involved in business, that is a reassurance."

Nigel McKinney, Director of Operations, Building Change Trust

"The work of Co-operative Alternatives in delivering the Community Shares Ready! Programme on behalf of the Building Change Trust has been one of our true success stories. Over the past five years Co-operative Alternatives has exceeded all expectations and helped foster a new culture of co-operation and collaboration in Northern Ireland."

The figures speak for themselves. We hope that this will have a long-lasting legacy in Northern Ireland, with many other grassroots organisations having the confidence to embrace the co-operative model for the benefit of their communities."

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