

Exploring emerging applications of democratically owned platforms

Objective 4.2

To explore emerging sector-, policy-, and place-based alternatives using collaborative resistance and organizing to repatriate power and agency to increase the security and resilience of workers and communities. (113 minutes)

4.5 Read “Hired: Precarious Work and the Co-operative Alternative.” (3 minutes)

Ed Mayo’s Blog. “Hired: Precarious Work and the Co-operative Alternative,” blog entry, March 20, 2018.

<https://edmayo.wordpress.com/2018/03/20/hired-precarious-work-and-the-co-operative-alternative/>
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4.6 Read pages 5-11 of “Working Together: Trade Union and Co-operative Innovations for Precarious Workers.” (9 minutes)

Conaty, Pat, Alex Bird, Cilla Ross, Co-operative College, and Co-operatives UK. “Working Together: Trade Union and Co-operative Innovations for Precarious Workers,” Co-operatives UK, 2018.

https://www.uk.coop/sites/default/files/uploads/attachments/working-together_final_web-version.pdf (https://www.uk.coop/sites/default/files/uploads/attachments/working-together_final_web-version.pdf)

Ed Mayo, General Secretary of the Co-operatives UK, uses his blog to introduce the landmark report we saw earlier—“Working Together: Trade Union and Cooperative Innovations from Precarious Workers” (readings 4.1 and 4.6).

In the executive summary of the Working Together report, the authors present eight strategic components, each of which introduce us to different forms of precarious work and/or the joined up strategies that need to be organized to resist current trends and forge alternatives. Together they provide a framework for mapping and strategizing solutions, not just in the U.K., but also in a wide variety of contexts.