

RADICAL ROUTES SOCIAL AUDIT STATEMENT 2013

The Social Audit Panel has examined the draft Social Accounts submitted to us and discussed them in detail with Stuart Field, Bek Dale, Claire Fauset, Rebecca Spencer, and Cath Muller of Radical Routes at the Social Audit Panel meeting held on 18th June 2013. We have examined the revised Social Accounts which were prepared following the Social Audit Panel meeting and which have taken into account various points identified in the notes* of the Social Audit Panel Meeting. We also examined a sample of the data and the sources of information on which the Social Accounts have been based.

We believe that the process outlined above has given us sufficient information on which to base our opinion.

We are satisfied that, given the scope of the social accounting explained in the revised draft and given the limitations of time available to us, the Social Accounts are free from material mis-statement and present a fair and balanced view of the performance and impact of Radical Routes as measured against its stated values, social, environmental and economic objectives and the views of the stakeholders who were consulted.

In the notes of the Social Audit Panel meeting we identified a number of important issues to be taken into consideration during the next social audit cycle. In particular we would refer to the following:

- i) consultation with a wider range of stakeholders, including representatives of the UK Co-operative movement
- ii) a more detailed study of the measures being taken by Radical Routes member co-ops and their members to reduce environmental impact
- iii) improved recording of members joining and leaving, activities undertaken and decisions made, both by Radical Routes itself and by the member co-ops.

The members of the Social Audit Panel were:

- a) Paul Nicoll, Triodos Bank
- b) John Goodman, until recently Head of Policy and the Regions at Co-operatives UK
- c) Susan Seymour, Trustee of Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust
- d) Mark Brown, independent activist
- e) Patrick Boase, Social Audit Network UK registered social auditor

Signed:



Dated: 31st July 2013

Chair of the Social Audit Panel

* the notes of the Social Audit Panel meeting form part of the social accounting and auditing process and may, by arrangement, be inspected along with the full social accounts at the offices of (name of organisation) at (address of organisation). Members of the Social Audit Panel have acted in an individual capacity.

