
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CO-OPERATIVES & SOCIAL
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Co-Operative Councils Innovation Network (CCIN)

The Co-Operative Councils Innovation Network held their AGM here on 15 and 16 November. The event was hosted by the City of Cardiff Council and I was delighted to attend both days of the event. The first day included a bus tour to Ely & Caerau Community Hub where delegates heard presentations from Cardiff & Vale Credit Union and Spice as well as Hub staff. In the evening I was pleased to have the opportunity to personally welcome the delegates to Cardiff and to introduce the guest speakers, Steve Reed OBE MP and Jim McMahon OBE MP.

For the first time the AGM included a Co-operative Showcase allowing local and national co-operative projects to present their work, hear about other projects, and to learn and discover new opportunities for collaboration. Several local projects participated in the showcase including Pollen8 Cymru, CAER Heritage, Community Gateway, REACH2XL and the Culture School.

Over 40 delegates from 25 Local Authorities and co-operative organisations from across the UK attended the two days. There was lots of positive feedback and all the attendees agreed that the event was a great success.

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