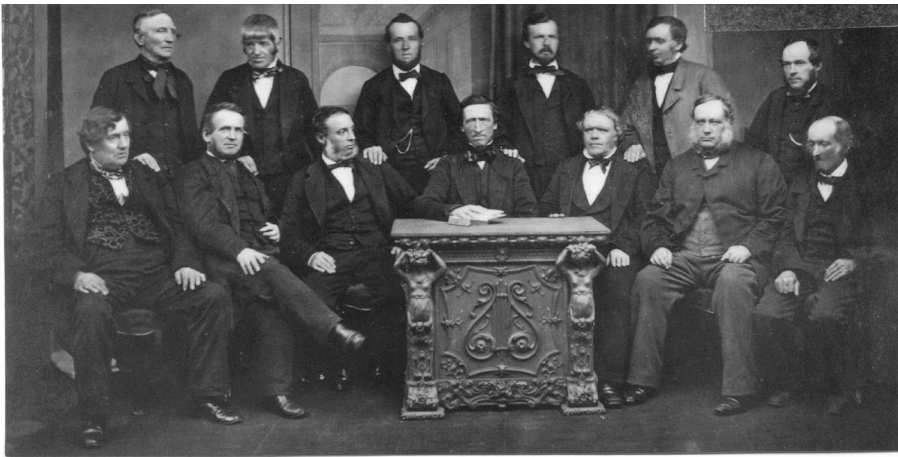


## CONFERENCE - CALL FOR PAPERS:

### Can Values Make a Difference? Co-operatives – moving from the Rochdale Pioneers to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

1 & 2 July 2009 in Manchester

The Co-operative College, Liverpool John Moores University, Leeds Metropolitan University, Edge Hill University and the University of Central Lancashire are organising this international conference on the co-operative movement. It should be of interest to academics and others interested in all aspects the co-operative movement, including its history, both in the UK and internationally.



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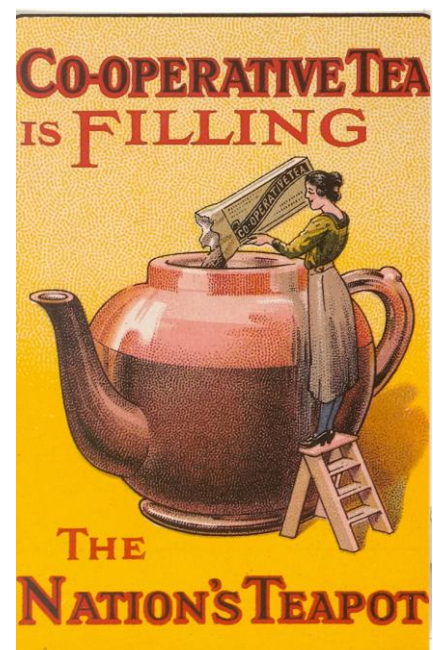
From its origins in the 19<sup>th</sup> century the co-operative movement has developed a global presence and reach. In 1995 an international statement of identity together with a set of core co-operative values and principles was agreed. Since then,

the movement has entered a period of renewal and growth leading many to identify the 21<sup>st</sup> century as a period of co-operative renaissance.

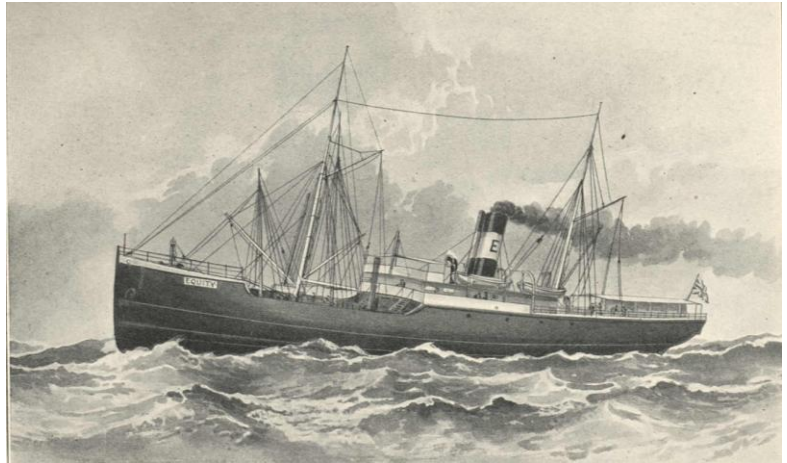
Taking the theme of co-operative renewal, the conference will explore turning points and explore the ways in which co-operative values have been central to the emergence of co-operative enterprises across the world.

A number of leading figures connected with the co-operative movement are being approached to lead keynote sessions on major themes. Papers are invited on all aspects of the history and development of the movement since its emergence in the 19<sup>th</sup> century to the present day. Particularly important themes will be:

- **Co-operative Business Strategies, Structures & Performance**
- **The Co-operative Movement & Education**



- **Comparisons of Co-operative Enterprise**
- **The Co-operative Movement in the World of Politics**
- **Trading Ethically**
- **Co-operation & Sustainability**
- **Contrasting Traditions of Co-operation**
- **Gender perspectives**



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It is anticipated that papers will last about 20 minutes. Proposals for papers should include name(s) of presenters, institutional affiliation (if appropriate), addresses and email contact details of presenters, a title for the paper and an abstract summary of the paper not exceeding 500 words in length. The closing date by which proposals should be received is **Friday 16 January 2009**. Proposals should be submitted by attachment to email, and a copy sent to each of the conference organisers identified below:



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