

**BIRKBECK OPEN DISCUSSION SOCIETY - Friday 6th May 2016
- Dr John Courtneidge: Peace & Prosperity for All = a Plan for Co-operative Socialism - a Fair World Project, and sustainable too!**

Speaker Biography:

John Courtneidge is a Quaker, scientist and teacher with a PhD in Chemistry from UCL. He is a Freeman of the City of London, a grandfather of three, (hopefully four soon), and has run and owned/co-owned two businesses (as a smallholder and as a garden-centre/ retail nursery co-owner and operator). John is active in the Co-operative and Labour movement and was the Labour Party's parliamentary candidate in 2015 for the Bromley and Chislehurst constituency.

Synopsis of this Co-Learning Session:

The 'Statement On the Co-operative Identify', most recently up-dated, democratically (by the International Co-operative Alliance in 1995) starts to illustrate the values, principles, and operation of a Co-operative Alternative to capitalism (and all other forms of totalitarianism), the end result being the cooperative commonwealth or the cooperative commonweal.

At the same time, the evidence collected by social epidemiologists, worldwide, shows that more-income societies are more secure, more healthy, more prosperous, more creative, more peaceful and more ecologically sustainable.

These two resources have led forward to a plan for co-operative socialism, which John will outline. This plan has already been adopted by Labour Action for Peace, and by Occupy London, and has been honed and reviewed at open round tables in London for over twenty years, and in commissioned publications in Canada.

The quickest web resources are:

(a) google-search the term "co-operative socialism", (b) the papers page at <http://www.interestfree money.org>, (c) an occasional blog <http://www.sustainabilitynotcapitalism.blogspot.com>, and (d) The Kingdom of Heaven by Tuesday at <http://www.thenetworkproject.org.uk/papers.htm>.

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