

Iwan Doherty Video Script

Hi I'm Iwan Doherty, I'm a journalist and Editor of Mutual Interest Media, an online co-operative publication owned by its readers and writers.

I discovered the co-operative movement about 5 years ago while investigating a number of political problems and how worker ownership in the economy could hold the solution. Co-operatives held part of the solution to a vast number of political problems captured my attention and since then I have written more and more about co-operatives.

The first piece of mine that fetched a fee was on co-operative banks and this has peaked in me co-founding Mutual Interest Media in February last year which is an online political publication owned by its readers and writers.

Co-operatives have become a large part of my work; my journalism and editorial role Mutual Interest means I spend a large amount of time reading and writing about exciting developments. Mutual Interest was setup to help spread information about the movement so that it more people might get involve in the sector and it is a great pleasure to be able to work educating others on something I passionately believe in.

Alongside this, I've become involved in Members for Co-operation campaigning to strengthen co-operation between co-operatives and organised co-operative members to get more involved in their co-ops and I spend large amounts of my time because I devoutly believe a thriving co-operative economy would improve the lives of average citizens who live and work in and around co-ops.

Co-operatives attracted me because core to their identity is putting ordinary people in charge of their communities and the economy around them. They hold the key to distributing power fairly in society which is something I care deeply about.