

GRASSROOTS GLASTONBURY CONFERENCE

Glastonbury Town Hall
September 17th 10am – 5pm

PROGRAMME

- 10.00 COFFEE & REGISTRATION
- 10.30 WELCOME - Councillor Alan Gloak MBE, Somerset County Council
- 11:00 Speakers
- Max Comfort (Stroud Common Wealth)
As a social entrepreneur and thought-leader, Max works to achieve a high degree of sustainability in his community, Stroud in Gloucestershire, in areas such as affordable housing, community shared workspace, local green power generation and innovative social models of shared living.
 - Julie Harris (COSMIC & RISE)
COSMIC is an IT company based in East Devon operating across the South West and the whole of the UK. As a leading social enterprise, COSMIC is involved in many projects which provide social benefit. Julie is also acting Chief Executive of RISE, the voice for South West social enterprise which supports the development of sustainable social enterprises in the region.
 - Kate Hewett (Learning Manager, Devon School for Social Entrepreneurs)
Kate has fifteen years business and third sector experience, especially action learning, social entrepreneurship and multi-sector partnerships. For the past 9 years Kate has focused on building the capacity of people working for positive change – and is currently responsible for designing and delivering a year-long learning programme for emerging social entrepreneurs in Devon.
- 11:45 Question & Answer session
- 12:00 WORKSHOPS
- (1) Communities taking care of themselves
 - (2) Community shares
 - (3) Business support for Social Enterprise in the South West
- 13:00-14:00 LUNCH, NETWORKING, VIDEOS
- 14:00 WORKSHOPS
- (4) Interactive business networking exercise
 - (5) Local food and the environment
 - (6) Finance for social enterprise
- 15:00 PLENARY
- Workshop leaders' feedback
- Speaker Ed Mayo General Secretary Co-operatives UK – Summary of the day
Ed Mayo is Secretary General of Co-operatives UK, the membership network for co-operative businesses. He is a long-term co-operator and has a track record of innovation and impact in his work to bring together economic life and social justice. From 2003 – 2009, he was Chief Executive of the National Consumer Council, merging this with two other bodies to found a new statutory consumer champion, Consumer Focus, in 2008. He was described by the Independent as "the most authoritative voice in the country speaking up for consumers", while the Guardian has nominated him as one of the top 100 most influential figures in British social policy.
- 16:00 Tea & cakes, networking, videos, until 17:00