

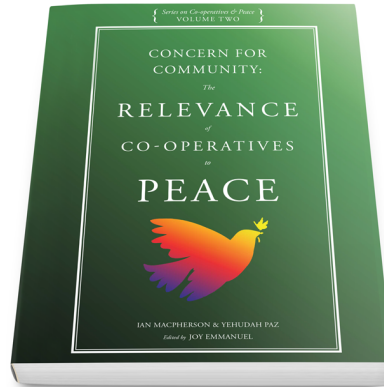
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Title: Concern for Community: The Relevance of Co-operatives to Peace

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This is a new e-book on the history, theory, and practice of co-operatives and peace by the late Dr Ian MacPherson and the late Dr Yehudah Paz.

As part of several initiatives focused on co-operatives and peace, Ian and Yehudah were working on this publication at the time of their unfortunate passings in November 2013. *Concern for Community: The Relevance of Co-operatives to Peace* contains the distillation of the authors' convictions on how peacebuilding is at the core of the co-operative model of enterprise and how co-operatives can make a fundamental contribution to peace making initiatives.

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Concern for Community: The Relevance of Co-operatives to Peace contains the distillation of the authors' convictions on how peacebuilding is at the core of the co-operative model of enterprise.

Drawing on their many years of direct experience in the co-operative sector and their contributions to the field of Co-operative Studies, the authors lay out their insights on the subject of co-operatives and peace.

From a review of the historical record to the development of the Co-operative Identity Statement in 1995, the authors illustrate how peace has been a significant theme in the life of the international co-operative movement.

From an examination of how co-operatives empower their members to address inequalities and social tensions in local communities, to defining the role co-operatives can play in building cross-conflict relationships in war-torn regions, they explain how the co-operative movement has developed a set of values and practices that build on a concern for community and form a natural bridge to building a more just, peaceful world.

"Peacebuilding happens in communities not on battlefields," claims Dr Ian MacPherson. "And it is in this context that co-operatives can make their greatest contribution to building a more peaceful world."

"Peacemaking is central to the growth of the co-operative movement," asserts Dr Yehudah Paz, "and co-operatives are relevant to matters of peacemaking and conflict resolution at the level of neighbour-to-neighbour within and across communities, regions, and nations."

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Charles Gould, Director General of the International Co-operative Alliance: "The co-operative movement has not yet been awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace, but this book makes one hopeful that it might one day be more fully acknowledged for its role in promoting an ideal longed for with more urgency in recent days."

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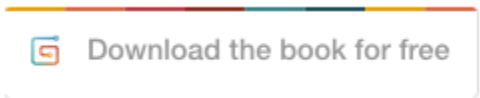
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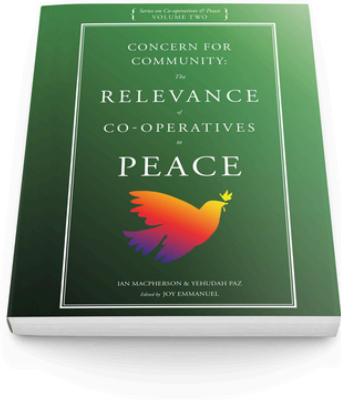
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