



Co-operative Councils
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FUNDING

The Co-operative College working with Rochdale Council

Co-operative Placemaking in Rochdale's Heritage Action Zone

The Co-operative College and Co-operative Heritage Trust have been working with colleagues in Rochdale Development Agency and alongside other local stakeholders to help to secure for Rochdale the coveted status of 'Heritage Action Zone' awarded by Historic England. This award will enable wonderful co-operative transformations to occur in Rochdale. The focus of the College and CHT will be to develop co-operative heritage projects with a number of schools and young people in the Borough.

Additionally, Dr Cilla Ross – as part of the College's Responsibility to Rochdale project - approached one of the College's partners, Manchester Metropolitan University, about the possibility of securing a Vice Chancellors PhD Scholarship on the theme of placemaking. We are delighted that the approach has proved successful and an experienced co-operative researcher, Cecile Berranger, has registered for her PhD on '*Co-operative placemaking and the re-building of co-operative social capital: A case study of contemporary Rochdale*'. Council Colleagues in Rochdale are closely supporting Cecile and we are all looking forward to exploring how co-operative culture, behaviours as well as enterprises might contribute to Rochdale's co-operative identity and wellbeing over the next three years.

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