

Volunteer interview question schedule

The Food Co-op/Shop and Drop

A little bit of background – where do you live, what do you do, where are you from etc.

How and why did you get involved with the Food Co-op/Shop and Drop?

How would you describe the project?

Who is the Food Co-op/Shop and Drop for?

What does the project mean to you?

What do you see as your role in the Food Co-op/Shop and Drop?

The International Cooperative Alliance defines a cooperative as “an autonomous association of persons united voluntarily to meet their common economic, social, and cultural needs and aspirations through a jointly-owned and democratically-controlled enterprise.” How does this related to the Food Co-op (if you think it does)?

Has the pandemic affected the Food Co-op in any way?

We heard a lot about mutual aid and community spirit at the beginning of the pandemic, have you experienced mutual aid and community spirit at the Food Co-op (Definition of mutual aid: communities collectively take on the responsibility for supporting and caring for each other, so it is a different model to charity or top down/government support which are more one way)?

What role does care play in the activities of the Food Co-op/Shop and Drop?

How political do you think the activities of the Food Co-op/Shop and Drop are?

How important do you think things like mutual aid, care and community action are in contemporary society.

Do you work/volunteer with any other community groups or projects?

The pandemic, food, housing and politics

What do you think the impact of the pandemic has been in the local area and more widely?

Has the pandemic affected your food or housing situation at all?

Has it affected you in any other ways?

How do you think the government has handled the pandemic?

In relation to politics more broadly, are there any issues that you are concerned about at the moment? (Doesn't have to be pandemic related.)

Is there anything you would like to add in relation to anything we've discussed or anything you think it would be useful for me to know?