

Interview question schedule for coordinator

The Food Co-op and Shop and Drop

We've talked a lot about co-operatives over the years and how the structure of the Food Co-op isn't a traditional one, have you spoken much to other volunteers about the traditional structures/set up of a co-op at all? If so, what has the response been like? If not, is there any reason why?

How has the pandemic affected the Food Co-op?

Do you think the role/impact of the Food Co-op has changed at all because of the pandemic?

What is the background to the Community Shop and Drop: How, when and why did it start? What are its aims and values? Who is it for? How does it work? How is it going?

Do you think it will still be needed post-pandemic?

What do you think the Community Shop and Drop means to those involved?

What does it mean to you?

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

Do you have any reflections on the structures of the Food Co-op and Shop and Drop in relation to the changes that have had to be made because of the pandemic?

What do you see as your role in both these projects?

We heard a lot about mutual aid and community spirit at the beginning of the pandemic what are your thoughts of these in relation to the voluntary sector and community projects? (Has the initial enthusiasm and energy lasted? Will this change the sector in any way? Do you think this tells us anything about British society/British politics?)

How have you experienced mutual aid and community spirit at the Food Co-op and Shop and Drop?

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

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

Is there any particular research that you think would be beneficial to the Food Co-op and Shop and Drop?

The pandemic, food, housing and politics

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

How do you think the government has handled the pandemic?

How do you think the pandemic has affected food and housing in the UK?

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

Has it affected you in any other ways?

What do you think you would tell future generations about this time?

More broadly, what do you see as the big issues in relation to food and housing in the UK? Do you see any connection between them? Do you have a sense of what is causing these or what the solutions to them might be? Who is responsible for dealing with these issues? Do you see community projects or individuals as having a role in making these changes?

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?