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- ♥ economic equality ♥
- ♥ whole-earth equality ♥
- ♥ religious/spiritual equality ♥

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Given that only five mechanisms cause inequality (theft, rent, interest, dividends, and unequal pay for work), the search for a fairer, or even, fair world is not impossible (Polly Toynebee, *The chasm between us*, and *Guardian Weekly* supplement, September 16-22 2005).

Here at the Fair World Project, we believe that five policy proposals are all that are needed to create a fair, and therefore safe and peaceful, world. Namely, the creation of the notion and reality of commonweal; the guarantee of incomes for all, fixed between a social agreed lower and upper limit; the conversion of workplaces into appropriate co-operatives (worker co-ops for the market sector, community co-ops for all others); the abolition of banking for profit; and a social determination to move from a debt-based social philosophy, to one that is based upon an ethic of nonviolence and co-operation.

Within the globalised, e-connected, peace, social and ecological justice communities, such proposals are well formulated. All that is now needed is a social movement to bring these proposals into globalised reality.

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# ***The Fair World Action Plan\****

## ***Objectives:***

### **1) All our sisters are our brothers: and all our brothers are our sisters**

Make capital grants (not loans) to developing countries and developing communities.

### **2) Global stewardship for needs - not private resources for profit**

Maximise human needs provision on a co-operative, free-at-the-point-of-use basis,

### **3) Fair, guaranteed incomes for all**

Introduce guaranteed fair income for all, and, so, do away with personal and sales taxes,

## ***How:***

### **1) End global exploitation through financial speculation**

Reintroduce international exchange controls as necessary,

### **2) Banking as public service - not as global warfare**

Abolish money-lending and credit-creation for profit,

### **3) Predistribution not Redistribution**

Through local, democratically-controlled, not-for-profit Community Co-op Banks,

### **4) Co-operation not Coercion**

Convert all workplaces into appropriate co-operatives.

## ***Why:***

### **1) Economic equality – particularly equal incomes for all humans - is the \*key\* necessity for personal, family, social and international peace and well-being**

That's why we have to work on the five mechanisms\*\* that create economic inequality

*\*\* (ie Theft of and from the commonweal, rent, interest, profit and unequal pay for work, including no pay for work).*

### **2) Abolition of profit-seeking and hierarchy has to occur**

This has to be, if we are to quickly and sustainably limit human impact on the planet (ie - eventually fewer - people doing less stuff, longer-lived stuff and so more sustainable stuff).

***That's why economic equality has to be humanity's next key step.***

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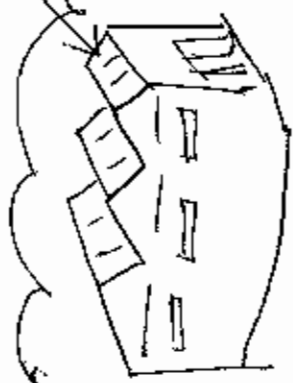
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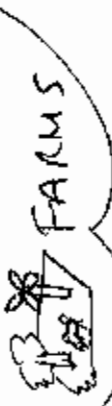
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**STATEMENT BY JOHN COURTNEIDGE ON BEHALF OF THE  
SHOELACE COLLECTIVE**

**At the Ontario Provincial 2009 Pre-budget Consultations.**

*Macdonald Block, Huron Room, 900 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario  
November 21, 2008 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

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I am John Courtneidge. I am part of the Shoelace Collective.

The Shoelace Collective works voluntarily in the Woodbine Heights area of East Toronto as part of about 8000 households in the federal and provincial ridings of Beaches-East York and Toronto-Danforth.

Here are copies of the current newsletter from the Shoelace Collective. The web-reference for the Shoelace Collective is [www.shoelace.ca](http://www.shoelace.ca)

Two of the core activities of the Shoelace Collective are income adequacy and income security – for all.

In that light, therefore, the Shoelace Collective brings two policy encouragements to this consultation, along with one request:

Those two policy encouragements from the Shoelace Collective are:

- 1) The Shoelace Collective encourages you to lobby the federal Canadian government to provide a guaranteed, humane and liveable Citizen's Income for all Canadians;
- 2) The Shoelace Collective encourages you to lobby the federal Canadian government to remortgage the Ontario provincial debt as an interest-free debt at the Bank of Canada and, so, release the approximately 10% of the present Ontario provincial budget which is presently used to service the interest-bearing Ontario provincial debt, and which is better spent on sustainable public works.

The one request from the Shoelace Collective is:

The Shoelace Collective requests that you to write to us with your responses to the above two encouragements, so that we may publish them in the Shoelace Collective newsletter and on the Shoelace Collective web-site.

In and for peace

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# The Campaign for Co-operative Socialism

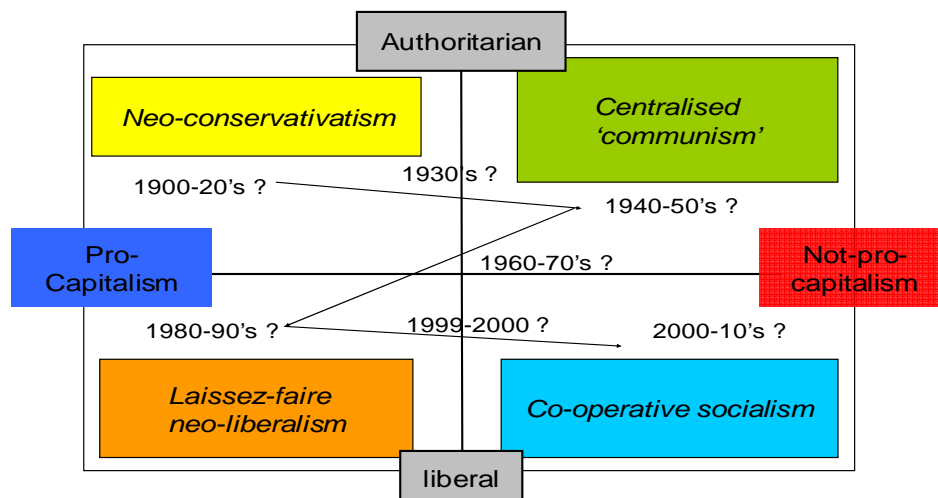
## A Fair World Project – [fairworldprojects.pbwiki.com](http://fairworldprojects.pbwiki.com)

>> **For equality and ecology, peace, justice and co-operation** >>

**\*\* To help create a Fair, Safe and Peaceful world \*\***

We are suggesting that the time has come to help create the *Global Co-operative Commonwealth: a Global Commonwealth of Local Commonwealths*. A world, in other words, based upon the evolving Co-operative, Values and Principles and Definition found in the *Statement on the Co-operative Identity from The International Co-operative Alliance*.

A values and political mapping, suggests that Co-operative Socialism is found as follows:  
(\* see footnote):



Centrally, we also suggest that the concept of Co-operative Commonwealth requires that we convert all workplaces into appropriate co-operative enterprises, so that every person, and every organisation, has respectful, time-limited stewardship of land and knowledge resources, and that, thus, true equality is sustainably created.

To do so, it is clear that we have to transform the economic system in which we live, so:

- o All people, co-operatively and together, are in control of their lives,*
- o Where all work is for the long-lived benefit of all: caring for the long-lived benefit of the whole global ecology - and all its inhabitants.*

This requires changes to the central features of present-day economics:

- o The ownership of workplaces and knowledge used for profit,*
- o The ownership of land and natural resources, and their use for profit,*
- o The practices of money-lending and debt- and credit-creation for profit,*
- o Inequality and insecurity of individual incomes,*
- o The consequently created culture of rampant crime, fear, debt, and insecurity.*

\* Map your own personal/social position at

<http://erg.vironics.net/>  
[www.politicalcompass.org](http://www.politicalcompass.org)

Link to 'Fire and Ice' and '3SC Social Values'

Note: the horizontal 'left/right' axis is reversed in the maps above

Accordingly, we work for each community to be in full, open, co-operative control of its economic resources, ensuring that they are used for the benefit of the whole of humanity, and for the benefit of the whole global ecology, so that:

- o Everyone has the security of a fair, guaranteed income,*
- o And that proper care and stewardship of the planet is our central task.*

>>**This suggests the Seven Point Action Plan for Co-operative Socialism - >>**

## **Co-operative Socialism - A Seven Point Action Plan**

### **1) Co-operatives and peace - not Corporations and coercion**

Convert competitive, market-based businesses into workplace co-operatives, and remodel monopoly activities as stakeholder community co-operatives: each co-op having responsible, time-limited stewardship of land and knowledge resources, shared from the commonweal, with each co-op demonstrably working according to the Statement on the Co-operative Identity of The International Co-operative Alliance.

*See points 2) and 5), below, for the funding mechanism for this;*

### **2) Predistribution not Redistribution**

Distribute the created wealth from these workplace co-ops through nationally collected, co-operative corporate taxation, distributed into local, democratically-controlled, Co-operative, Community Banks and, so, make money and credit available for eco-and socially-responsible wealth creation, community development and care,

### **3) Global stewardship for needs and care, not private resources for profit**

Maximise human needs and public service provision (health, life-long education, libraries, transport and so on) on a co-operative, free-at-the-point-of-use basis, thus only retaining money as a mechanism for access to discretionary purchases,

### **4) Fair, guaranteed incomes for all**

Introduce guaranteed fair income for all, within upper and lower limits, and with elements of automatic liveable Citizens' Income – and so do away with the need for direct and indirect personal taxation,

### **5) Banking as public service - not as global warfare**

Abolish money-lending and credit-creation for profit: operate banking as a community co-operative public service (*see point two above*),

### **6) End global exploitation through financial speculation**

Reintroduce international exchange controls, a Tobin Tax, etc, as necessary,

### **7) All our sisters are our brothers: and all our brothers are our sisters**

Make capital grants (not loans) to developing countries

*We hope this action plan gives us, all, a good, evolving basis:*

*>> for a peaceful, practical, moral, sustainable, and co-operative economics.*

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# **The International Co-operative Alliance Statement on the Co-operative Identity**

*(Manchester, UK 1995)*

## **Definition:**

A co-operative is 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.

## **Values:**

Co-operatives are based on the values of self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity and solidarity. In the tradition of their founders, co-operative members believe in the ethical values of honesty, openness, social responsibility and caring for others.

## **Principles**

The co-operative principles are guidelines by which co-operatives put their values into practice.

### **1st Principle: Voluntary and Open Membership**

Co-operatives are voluntary organisations, open to all persons able to use their services and willing to accept the responsibilities of membership, without gender, social, racial, political or religious discrimination.

### **2nd Principle: Democratic Member Control**

Co-operatives are democratic organisations controlled by their members, who actively participate in setting their policies and making decisions. Men and women serving as elected representatives are accountable to the membership. In primary co-operatives members have equal voting rights (one member, one vote) and co-operatives at other levels are also organised in a democratic manner.

### **3rd Principle: Member Economic Participation**

Members contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of their co-operative. At least part of that capital is usually the common property of the co-operative. Members usually receive limited compensation, if any, on capital subscribed as a condition of membership. Members allocate surpluses for any or all of the following purposes: developing their co-operative, possibly by setting up reserves, part of which at least would be indivisible; benefiting members in proportion to their transactions with the co-operative; and supporting other activities approved by the membership.



**4th Principle: Autonomy and Independence**

Co-operatives are autonomous, self-help organisations controlled by their members. If they enter to agreements with other organisations, including governments, or raise capital from external sources, they do so on terms that ensure democratic control by their members and maintain their co-operative autonomy.

**5th Principle: Education, Training and Information**

Co-operatives provide education and training for their members, elected representatives, managers, and employees so they can contribute effectively to the development of their co-operatives. They inform the general public - particularly young people and opinion leaders - about the nature and benefits of co-operation.

**6th Principle: Co-operation among Co-operatives**

Co-operatives serve their members most effectively and strengthen the co-operative movement by working together through local, national, regional and international structures.

**7th Principle: Concern for Community**

Co-operatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies approved by their members.

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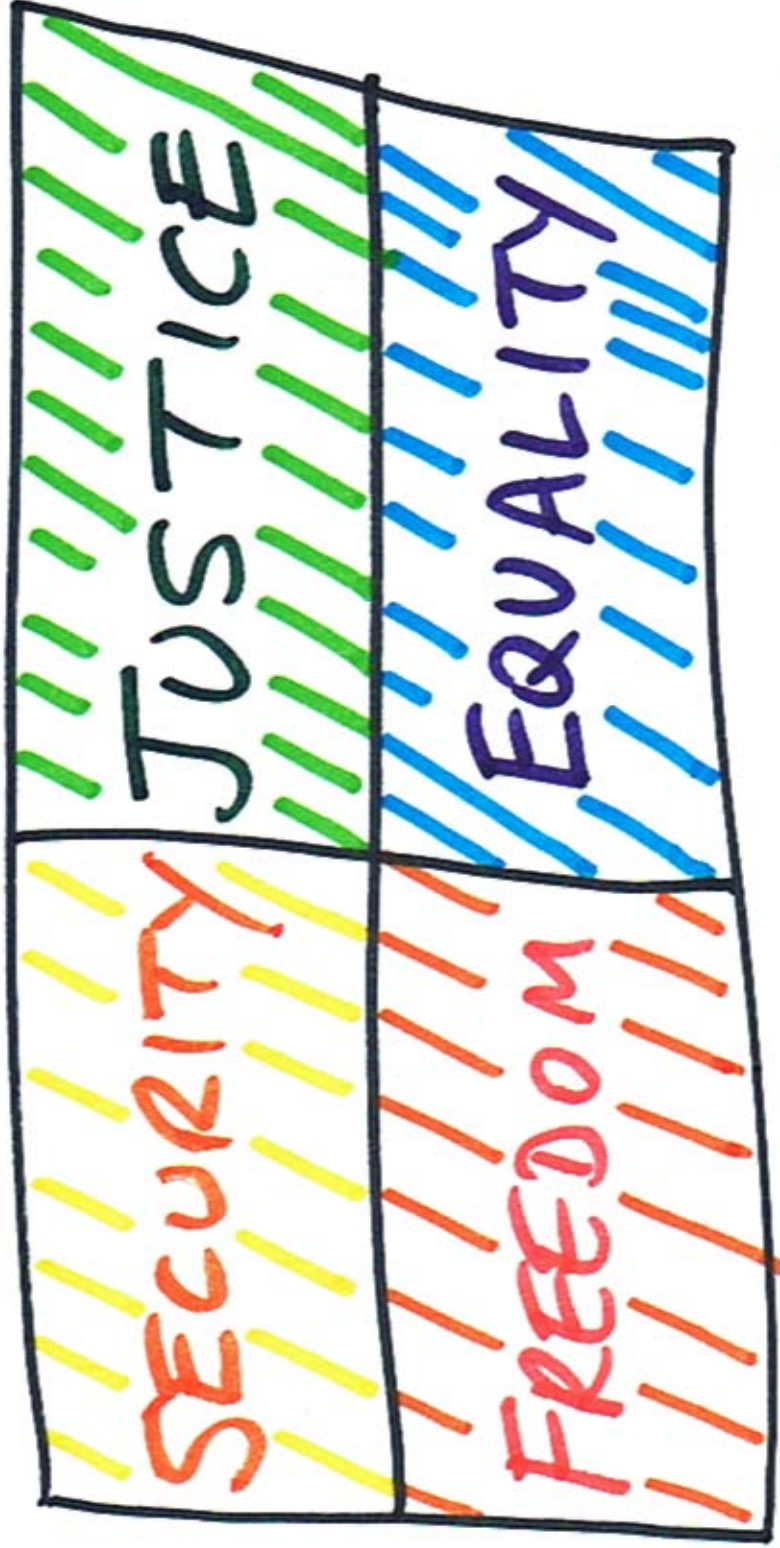
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- for a fair, safe & peaceful world



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Without justice there! no security  
Without equality there! no security  
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