

# Can the Media be Co-operative?



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## Alternatives to corporate media ownership

**Saturday 21 May from 10.30 – 4.30 at Goldsmiths College, University of London**

As journalists feel the pinch from both the recession and the media recession, and the increasingly evident failings of a corporate model that has attacked jobs, working conditions and quality journalism, are there better, more sustainable ways of funding journalism that serve journalists and their readers better?

Can the thriving co-op or mutual models work in the media? Can foundation trusts or public subsidy play a role?

This conference, organised by the NUJ in conjunction with Goldsmiths and Co-operatives UK, will discuss practical ways in which we can explore such initiatives.

Speakers include the BBC's Paul Mason, Co-operatives UK's secretary-general Ed Mayo, Prof Natalie Fenton from the Department of Media and Communications at Goldsmiths College, Granville Williams of the Campaign for Press and Broadcasting Freedom, former International Federation of Journalists General Secretary Aidan White, Dr Andy Williams and Rachel Poucher from the School of Journalism, Media and Cultural Studies at Cardiff University and representatives of other co-ops as well as legal speakers from BatesWellsBraithwaites solicitors.

The event is free but please register in advance by emailing: <http://cooperativemedia.eventbrite.com/>



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