

### Scaling Co-operative Enterprise for a Better World

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# SUSTAINABLE GEALS





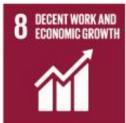






















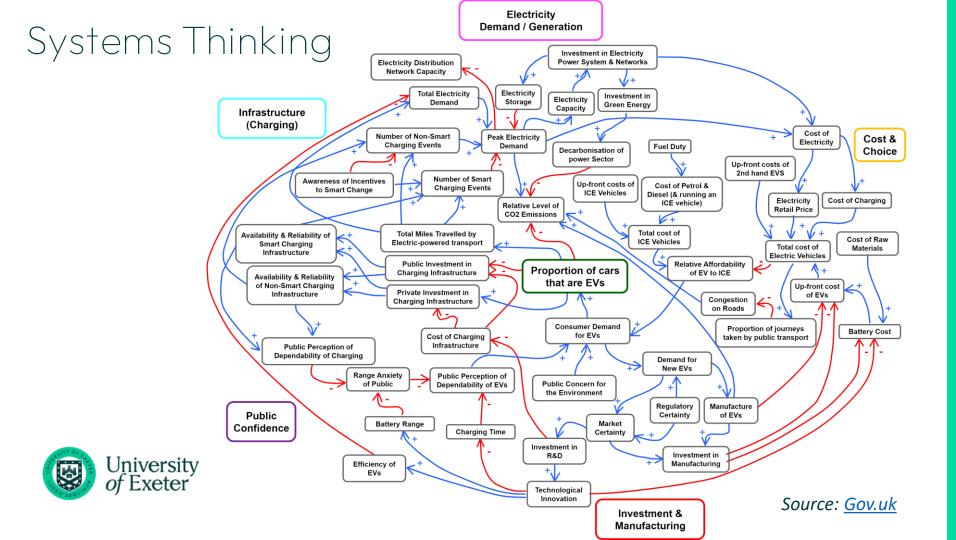














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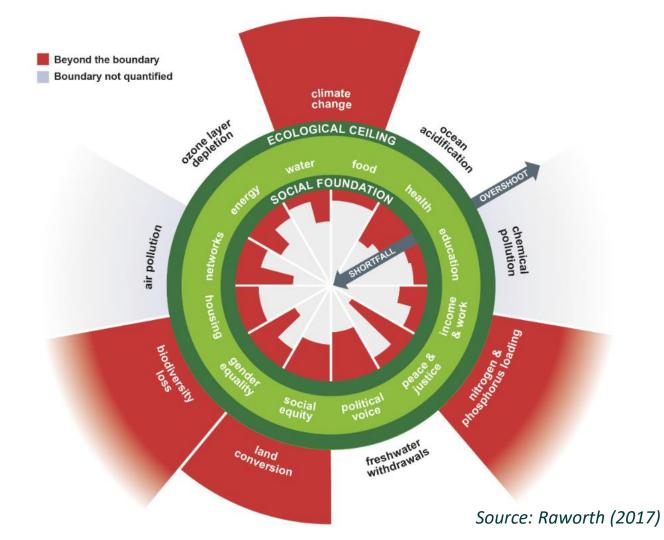


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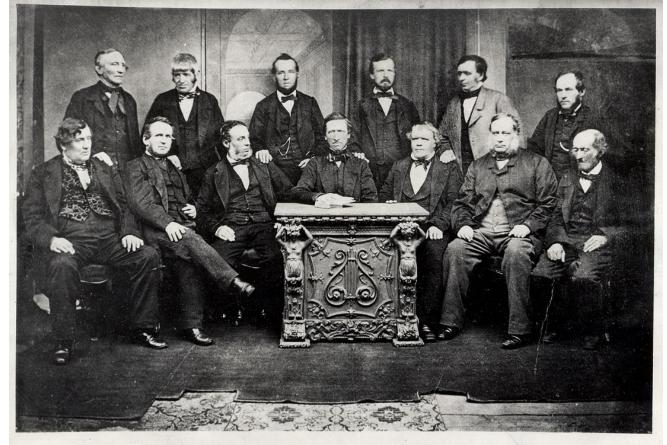




Surge in modern slavery in social care sector since visa rules eased









PHOTOGRAPH OF THIRTEEN OF THE ORIGINAL MEMBERS

ROCHDALE EQUITABLE PIONEERS' SOCIETY.

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7. JOHN SCOWCROFT.

8. JAMES MANOCK.

13. JOSEPH SMITH.

Organization

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#### Article



# Scaling in a post-growth era: Learning from Social Agricultural Cooperatives

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### Scaling orientation

#### SCALING INWARD

• Achieving impacts for the Co-operative organisation.

#### SCALING OUTWARD

Achieve societal impacts outside the Co-operative organisation.



### Scaling direction

#### UP

• Becoming bigger to achieve greater impact.

#### DOWN

• Becoming smaller to achieve greater impact.

#### OUT

• Organisational multiplication or diffusion.

#### DEEP

• Impacting organisational and/or societal culture

#### WITH

• Impacting the organisation and/or society through building relationships



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# Co-operative Enterprise 2010-present











## Co-operative Enterprise 2024





# Cross Cutting Scaling Strategies

 Table 3. Scaling routes and cases.

Scaling Route	Prioritization of scaling route by cases			
	Low	Medium	High	
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[5] Multiplication	CC; TA	NCO		
[6] Impact on organizational culture		TA; NCO	CC	
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### Nuova Cooperazione Organizzata (NCO)

Co-op Agropoli HQ, one of five co-ops in the NCO that operating on land and assets confiscated from the Mafia.

Scaling deep they use art work to symbolise the systemic changes they are aiming for.





### Corto Circuito

The promotion of a fair economy and solidarity based on the value of local relations, justice and socio-ecological sustainability, through the development of networks and cooperation.

http://www.cooperativacortocircuito.it/la-cooperativa/chi-siamo/#tab-id-2





Size \neq Success

### Scaling deep address the End Goals of human beings

- 1. What do I want to experience?
- 2. How do I want to grow?
- 3. What do I want to contribute to the planet?

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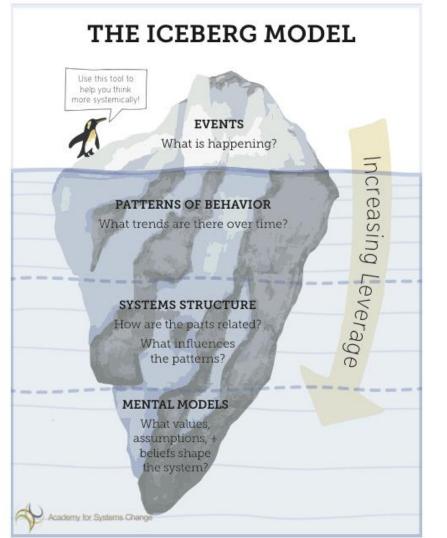


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## Putting the Human Being at the Centre

"Charles Howarth was a warper until the mid-1860s, a well-paid and respected profession in the textiles industry, but he guit to dedicate more of his time towards cooperatives (Purvis, 2004). Charles Howarth's internal reward structure was different to the average person's, he placed more emphasis proportionately on social capital than earning potential. It is known that Charles Howarth died in poverty, despite starting a global movement and founding 6 cooperative societies (Purvis, 2004). However, it is because of his conscious decision to prioritise social capital over financial that we know his story today. If Charles Howarth had remained a warper, he would have increased his net worth and maintained his materialistic standard of living, but I wouldn't be discussing him in this assignment. Therefore, in this uncertain time more people may stop chasing increased financial wealth and seek greater social capital. Cooperatives should be there to facilitate the fulfilment of people's self-purpose desires."



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