





Catalan and British co-operative movements: exchange of best practices

Participants in alphabetic order

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Confederation of Catalan Cooperatives



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Project Manager at the <u>Catalan Confederation of Cooperatives</u> CoopCat

Elena holds a degree in Environmental Science (UAB) and has been part of CoopCat's team for the past three years. She leads and

manages training, communication, and intercooperation initiatives to bring cooperativism closer to Catalan society and contribute to a strong, innovative cooperative structure. She also completed a postgraduate course in Social and Solidarity Economy at *La Ciutat Invisible* and previously led the project area at *Incoop*, a cooperative providing care services.



Melània Ferrer

Project Manager at the <u>Federation of Catalan Worker</u> <u>Cooperatives (FCTC)</u>

Melània studied Advertising and Business Communication at ICOMI (now Abat Oliba University). She has been working at the Federation

of Catalan Worker Cooperatives since 2019 as a Project Manager, bringing together cooperatives from sectors such as architecture, energy communities, non-profit organisations, and cooperative schools. Between 2008 and 2015, she also served as Vice-President of *Sersa*, a cooperative dedicated to care services. At FCTC, she facilitates collaboration between cooperatives and promotes sectoral development.















Manuela Frudà

Project and Member Relations Officer at the <u>Federation of Catalan Consumer Cooperatives - Coopsconsum</u>

Manuela joined Coopsconsum in 2024 as Project and Member Relations Officer. She holds a degree in English Philology and a

Master's in Art History, and has worked in the cooperative and social and solidarity economy sector since 2016. Her experience spans projects in culture, sustainable mobility, and collaborative funding, including *Bicihub*, *Som Mobilitat*, *Barcelona Community Radio Network*, and the *Goteo Foundation*. At Coopsconsum, she supports member cooperatives and coordinates joint initiatives that strengthen the federation's community.

Jordi Manresa

CEO of Incoop
Board Member, Federation of Catalan Worker Cooperatives
Patron of the Seira Foundation

Jordi holds a degree in Business Sciences from Pompeu Fabra University and postgraduate qualifications in Business Communication, Marketing, and Leadership and Social Innovation. He began his career at Hewlett-Packard before moving into the social sector in 2009 — first with the NGO *Barcelona Acció Solidària*, then as Manager at *Esplais Catalans*. Since 2017, he has worked at *Incoop Cooperative*, initially as COO, later as Manager, and since April 2025 as CEO, contributing to the professionalisation and growth of cooperative organisations in Catalonia.

Carla Millán Peñaranda

Co-founder – La Mirada
Cooperative member of Civic Energy

In collaboration with:

Carla mainly works as a communications and institutional consultant at La Mirada Cooperativa. They're part of Civic Energy, a cooperative born from

the cooperation between Aiguasol Consulting and Azimut 360, specialized in providing integral support to energy communities. Within this framework, Carla accompanies them in areas such as communication, governance, project development, public funding, and citizen participation. Both cooperatives are member of CELCoop, the energy communities sectorial of the FCTC. Additionally, La Mirada Cooperativa acts as a promoting entity of the Cooperative Hub Ateneu Cooperatiu del Vallès Oriental.















Project and Communication Officer at the <u>Catalan</u> <u>Confederation of Cooperatives - CoopCat</u>

development and coordination of CoopCat's projects within the Catalan cooperative

Albert trained as a journalist and now works as Project Officer at the Catalan Confederation of Cooperatives. His main responsibilities include coordinating and managing CoopCat's projects, representing the organisation in international networks, and overseeing its communication strategy. He contributes to the

ecosystem.



Anna Puig

Director of the <u>Federation of Catalan Consumer Cooperatives</u>
<u>Coopsconsum</u>

Anna has a degree in History and has been involved in youth and community movements since an early age. She co-founded *L'Esguard*

SCCL, a worker cooperative, in 2016, her first step into the cooperative movement. Since then, she has participated actively in federations and coordination spaces across the Catalan_cooperative landscape. In June 2023, she became Director of the Federation of Catalan Consumer and User Cooperatives, promoting cooperation and mutual support among consumer co-ops.



Co-founder and Program Director at +Educació

Oriol holds a degree in History, a master's in Non-Profit Organisation Management, and a postgraduate degree in Integrative Coaching. He

has always worked in the coordination of educational and social programmes and activities. For the past eight years, he has been a founding member and Programme Director of +*Educació*, a non-profit cooperative that works to guarantee children's right to non-formal education. He currently represents social initiative cooperatives on the Board of the Federation of Worker Cooperatives of Catalonia.











Congress of Catalan Culture



Esteve Plantada

Director of the Congress of Catalan Culture

Esteve is a poet, cultural journalist, and lecturer at the Master's in Literary Journalism, Communication and Humanities (Autonomous University of Barcelona) and in Poetic Creation (Escola Bloom,

Barcelona). He is the author of several books of poetry and regularly collaborates with Catalan media outlets, promoting literature and culture. He currently serves as Director of the Congress of Catalan Culture, fostering dialogue and cultural exchange across Catalonia.



Gerard Serrat

Member of the Committee, Congress of Catalan Culture

Gerard holds a Bachelor's degree in Law from Pompeu Fabra University and studied at the University of Gothenburg's School of Business, Economics and Law in Sweden. He also holds an LL.M. in

Legal Practice and Representation from the Barcelona School of Management (BSM) – Pompeu Fabra University. He currently works as a lawyer at a public law firm in Barcelona and is involved in several local NGOs. As a member of the Congress of Catalan Culture committee, he contributes to its legal and organisational activities.



Jordi Jaria

Member of the Committee, Congress of Catalan Culture

Jordi Jaria i Manzano is Serra Húnter Fellow of Constitutional and Environmental Law at Rovira i Virgili University, Senior Researcher at the Tarragona Centre for Environmental Law Studies (CEDAT) and the

Research Institute on Sustainability, Climate Change and Energy Transition (IU-RESCAT), and a member of the Research Group on Territory, Citizenship and Sustainability. He holds degrees in Philosophy, Educational Sciences, and Law, and earned his PhD in Law from Rovira i Virgili University in 2004, receiving the Extraordinary Doctorate Prize. Between 2021 and 2023, he headed the Dissemination and Communication Area at the Institute of Self-Government Studies, Government of Catalonia. His research focuses on the links between environmental sustainability, social organisation, and legal frameworks.











Organizers



Anna Cuatrecasas Amell

Press Manager and Project Manager at Catalonia International

Anna Cuatrecasas has a diploma in Library Science and Documentation from the University of Barcelona, a degree in Documentation from the Open University of Catalonia, and a

Postgraduate Degree in Company Documentation Systems Organisation from the Polytechnic University of Catalonia.

She has over 25 years of experience in the public/private sector, managing international and European information and organising activities with international experts and audiences. Thanks to her career, she has extensive knowledge of European information and international and European organisations and remains in constant contact with foreign journalists and visitors. She has organised several international projects, both in Catalonia and abroad, including best practice exchange visits, academic debates and international visitor programmes for foreign experts and journalists.

Her work at Catalonia International focuses on projecting Catalonia internationally from an economic, social, cultural and political point of view.



Nora Hannisdal

International Relations and Project Officer at the <u>Catalan</u> <u>Confederation of Cooperatives – CoopCat</u>

Nora has been part of the CoopCat projects team for the past two years. Her main responsibilities include managing international

relations, coordinating intercooperation and European projects, and representing the organisation in international networks. With a background in Political Economy, she later completed a postgraduate course in Social and Solidarity Economy – Cooperative Studies and has professional experience from several countries.















Rosa Navarro Mayolas

Project Manager at Catalonia International

Rosa Navarro holds a Degree in Political Science and Administration from the Autonomous University of Barcelona and a Postgraduate Degree in European Union Studies from the Open University of

Catalonia.

She has twenty years of experience working in the public sector engaging with foreign audiences through international dialogue. This has led her to constant contact with foreign visitants and the management of international projects, both in Catalonia and abroad, such as the exchange of good practices, the organisation of academic debates and international visitor's programs. She is dedicated to the international projection of Catalonia, from economic, social, cultural and political perspectives managing the dialogue with the different actors involved. She also manages the Scholarship Program of Catalonia International.



