

John Pearce: A biographical summary

John was born on 23rd March 1942 in Truro, Cornwall. He studied at Cambridge University and the London School of Economics graduating with a BA (Hons) and a diploma in Social Administration in 1963 and 1965 respectively.

- 1963-1971 John worked in community development programmes with several national and international organisations, including a Tibetan refugee resettlement project with Nepal Red Cross, and as a field worker with the Young Volunteer Force Foundation in North Devon.
- 1972-1976 As director of the West Cumbria Community Development Project, John formed a community based housing association; the first industrial co-operative development project in England; successful self-help initiatives with young people and the elderly; research into tourism and into local male unemployment; and the establishment of a local information and resource centre.
- 1978-1984 John organised the Local Enterprise Advisory Project (LEAP), based within Paisley College. LEAP pioneered the concept and practice of community business.
- 1984-1991 John's next major appointment was as General Manager of Strathclyde Community Business Limited; a major development agency for community business in the West of Scotland. This organisation now operates as Community Enterprise in Scotland (CEiS).
- 1991-2010 Working as a Community Enterprise Consultant and Researcher John continued to manage development projects, run social accounting training sessions and write on community enterprise in the UK, Australia, New Zealand and India.

During his lifetime John authored thirty publications on topics ranging from workers' co-operatives, social accounting and social enterprise. A few of his most influential books are listed below:

At the Heart of the Community Economy: community enterprise in a changing world

(Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, 1993)

Social Enterprise in Anytown (Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, 2003)

Social Accounting and Audit the manual = CD (Social Audit Network, 2005)