



AGM 2017 ELECTION PROFILES

JOANNE BURROUGHS

Jo is a qualified accountant and relatively new to the co-operative movement, having joined The Midcounties Co-operative, the UK's largest independent consumer co-operative, in 2015 as the Head of Management Accounts. Recently Jo has taken on a new and more commercially focussed role of Head of Financial Planning & Analysis within the Society.

It is through Jo's links within The Midcounties Co-operative that she has got involved with GO-OP and hopes to bring her financial skills to bear in supporting GO-OP through the very exciting challenges that are ahead of us.

Before joining The Midcounties Co-operative, Jo was a Finance Business Partner at Millward Brown; and before that Financial Controller at Blacks Leisure Group. She developed her skills in financial management during the eight years she spent at Lloyds Pharmacy, where she started out as an Assistant Accountant and became the Commercial Financial Controller.

Jo enjoys playing netball and generally keeping fit which she tries to put to good use doing charity challenges, whether it be running, cycling, hiking or climbing mountains for good causes. As a Coventry City football fan who regularly struggles with the transport network around the Coventry & Nuneaton area, Jo is looking forward to the opportunities that GO-OP can bring to encourage greater use of the train network locally.

GARETH DEMPSTER

Having worked in Membership and Community Engagement for the Co-op Group over the past 6 years, I am well versed in supporting members, co-operators and the wider community. I'm a regular user of train services mainly from the south west to Manchester and London. I have observed our national rail system as a passenger and see Go-op filling the gap, especially in linking our rural communities with larger conurbations and offering passengers a real alternative.

What I bring to the Go-op Board:

- Previous employment in the bus industry, working with schedules and rotas, vehicle allocations
- 6 years' experience in the leisure/tourism industry
- Experience of community engagement, marketing and social media
- Director of a Community Interest Company in Cornwall; previous Director of a Co-op Trust School in Devon
- School Governor for 4 years and Chair of Governors for the past 2 years
- Co-op Member for nearly 30 years
- A real passionate interest in Britain's first co-operatively operated train service

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