# How did NASCO inspire student housing cooperators in Europe?

Presentation for NASCO Institute 2024 Anke Schwittay and Jim Jones

#### Outline of Session

- Introductions
- Presentation of European Student Housing Coops
- Timeline of NASCO-Europe interaction
- Interactive Exercise: What inspires you to do cooperative work?'

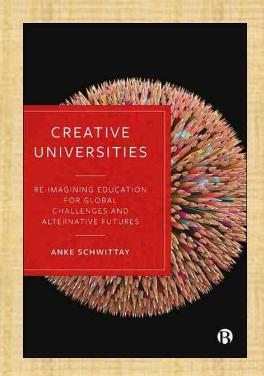
#### Who are we?

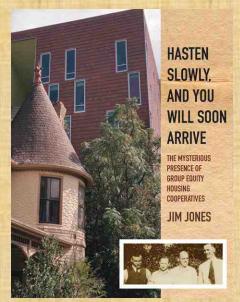
#### **Anke Schwittay**

- Professor of Anthropology and Global Development, University of Sussex, UK
- Author of *Creative Universities* (www.creativeuniversities.com)
- Research and work with UK student housing coops since 2022, European coops this fall

#### Jim Jones

- Co-op manager and developer 1971-present, NASCO staff member 1982-84 and 1999-2010.
- Author of Hasten Slowly and You Will Arrive Soon





#### European Student Housing Coops

- Different levels of participation, selfgovernment and professionalization
- Collegium Academicum Heidelberg (200 beds)
- La Cigüe Geneva (800+ students in 8+ houses)
- Studentendorf Schlachtensee Berlin (800 students in 21 houses)
- Smaller coops in Italy, Netherlands, France, Portugal
- PESCHA as European umbrella organization







#### Collegium Academicum, Heidelberg













## Studentendorf Schlachtensee, Berlin













## La Cigüe, Geneva















## UK Student Housing Coops

- 3 Housed (Edinburgh 106 beds), Birmingham (9), Brighton (7)
- Active groups in several other cities
- Student Coop Homes (SCH) as national umbrella organization supporting individual coops
- Coop Homes collaborative publication celebrating 10 years of movement
- https://heyzine.com/flip-book/59d3fd29e1.html







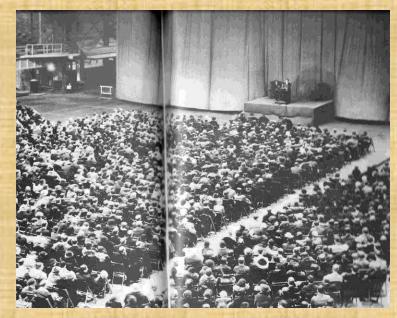
#### **The Strange International Road**

#### from Indianapolis to Great Britain

How did it all start?

| 1932         | Student Christian Movement<br>(student Y's)  | Cooperative League of<br>USA co-sponsors             | the First co-op in Ann  |  |
|--------------|--|--|---|--|
| 1935         | Indiana<br>Toyohil   | Arbor  |   |  |
| 1936         | Campus Cooperative   | Nat'l committee                                      |   |  |
| 1938         |  | Regional Assoc                                       |   |  |
| 1944         |  | North American Student                               | ICC formed in<br>Ann Arbor  |  |
| 1946         |  | founded  |   |  |
| 1949         |  | Luther Buchele hired by<br>NASCL                     |   |  |
| 1956         | Exch   | ICC-CCRI<br>ange established                         | Luther Buchele<br>hired by ICC  |  |
| 1960         | Howard Adelman hired   |  |   |  |
| 1964         | Adelman lobbies for  | ICC staff interns with<br>Canadians to learn more    | Buchele lobbies for   |  |
| 1966         | <u>1966-72</u>   | ICC sponsors   |   |  |
| 1968         | Massive Canadian   | US-Canadian conference                               | <u>1968-74</u>  |  |
| 1970         |  | NASCO organized                                      | Massive American  |  |
| 1972         |  |  |   |  |
| 1974         | Adelman contact in 1967; Sanford<br>Co-operative in London begins 1974 but<br>evolves into non-student cooperative |  |   |  |
| 2003-04      | NASCO staff visit to consult with National Union of<br>Students and the Manchester Student Union (effort fails)    |  |   |  |
| 2012-present |  | Student co-op idea pers<br>starts in 2012. Scott Jen | Student co-op idea persists, and Edinburgh co-op starts in 2012. Scott Jennings visits NASCO Institute and organizes Student Cooperative Homes. |  |

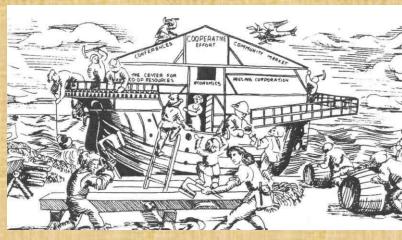
### And here are some photos



Toyohiko Kagawa on tour in the 1930s



Howard Adelman and Jim in Toronto



NASCO's birth in 1968 Ann Arbour









NASCO visit to the UK 2003 and 2004



## What inspires you to do cooperative work?

- Personal reflections: jot down your sources of inspiration on sticky notes
- Group share-out and discussion







Thank you!

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