

How did NASCO inspire student housing cooperators in Europe?

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Outline of Session

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

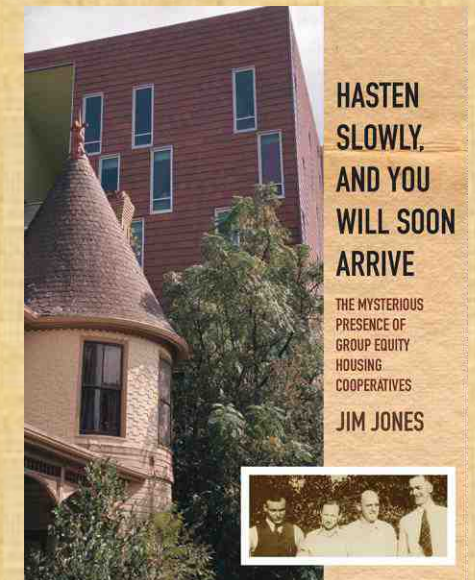
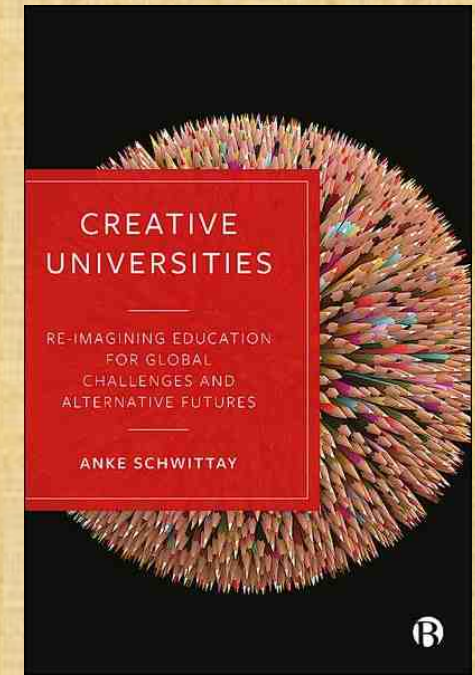
Who are we?

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, self-government 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



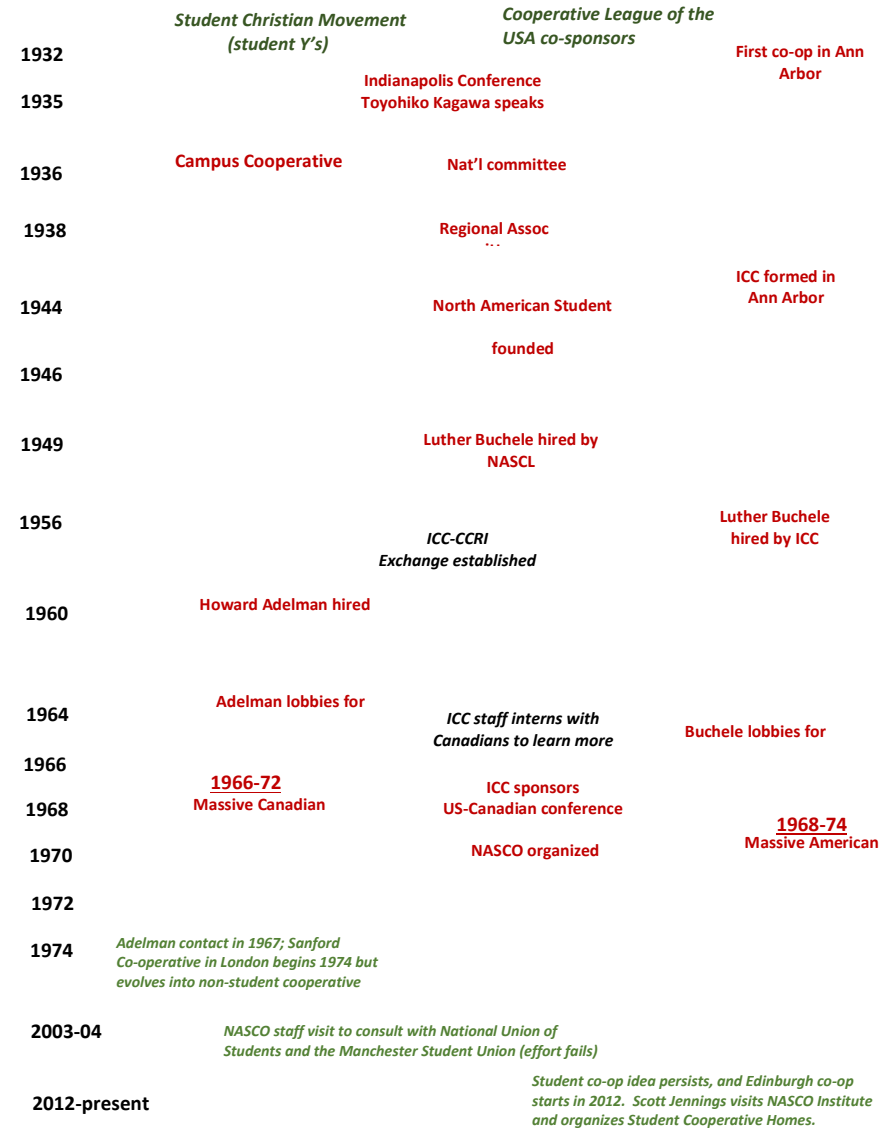
UK Student Housing Coops

- 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>

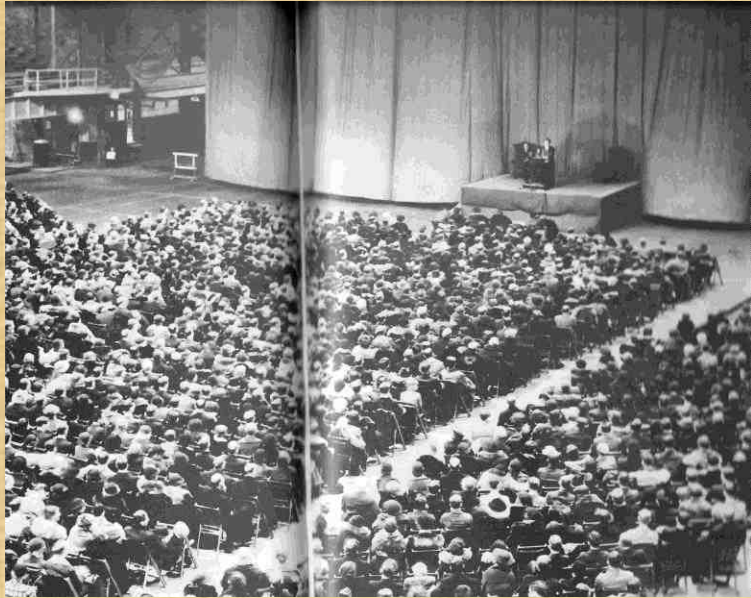


How did it all start?

The Strange International Road from Indianapolis to Great Britain



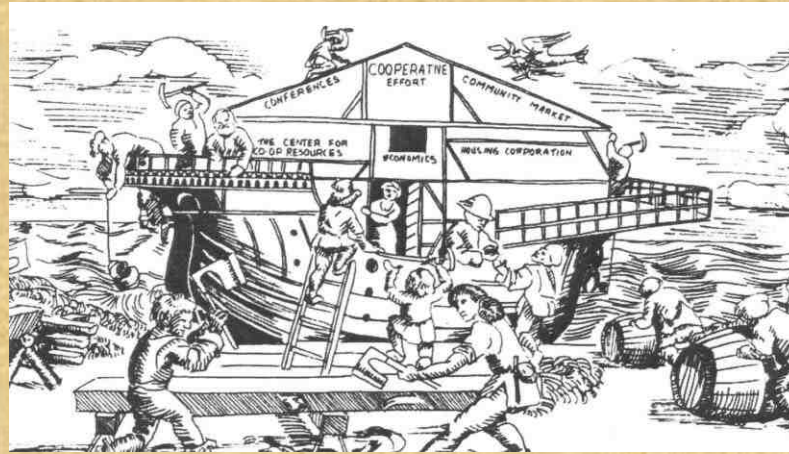
And here are some photos



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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