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COPPICE 2027: Call for proposals

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About COPPICE 2027

COPPICE 2027 is a gathering for anyone working to bring people together to organise for social change and a fairer, freer future across Britain, Ireland and beyond.

We're worried about the rapid escalation in far-right politics, the increased targeting of minority groups including migrants and queer people, and the divisive rhetoric that's pulling communities apart just when we need to be uniting to face the threat of climate collapse. If you're out there doing the work of organising, facilitating and bringing people together to face these challenges, COPPICE is for you.

COPPICE 2027 will be organised around three themes. If you are proposing a session, you will be asked to pick which theme your session most aligns with.

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Themes

Care in Difficult Times

How can we prioritise care in our groups and movements when things just keep getting harder?

We're organising in increasingly challenging times, with many of us struggling to meet our own needs while also taking care of the people around us.

We'd love to receive proposals for sessions about how we collectively meet the needs of our movements and communities in the way we organise around food, housing, disability and madness, prison support, and care for children and elderly folk. Have you been trying something creative? Is there a conversation that's needed but not been happening?

Skills for all Scales

The crises we're facing need to be met at the scale of countries, continents and the world, and also in our neighbourhoods, households and individual relationships. How do we think, act and bring people together across these wildly different scales?

How do we respond when hundreds of people flood into a group in response to the latest catastrophe on the news, or when membership dwindles as attention is pulled elsewhere? How can we tell stories that hold the big picture as well as the small details?

We're keen to programme sessions that build the practical skills we need to work flexibly and effectively across this wide range of scales. Are you doing anything massive or tiny? What's been working to bring people in? What hasn't? Where do you see gaps in vision and action?

One Struggle, One Fight

All struggles for justice are connected, but we're not always great at acting like it. How do we build shared narratives and organise effectively across lines of race, class and gender? Where do our interests overlap?

We'd love to see proposals on this theme that engage concretely with the challenges of building diverse coalitions. How do we get on and stay on the same page? What is the role of the facilitator/organiser/educator in these coalitions? What might become possible if we got better at working across difference?

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More information and accessibility

You can find more information about COPPICE 2027 on the Tripod website.

A few key details:

- Tickets to COPPICE are available on a sliding scale. No one will be turned away for lack of funds.
- A radical children's programme is available for kids aged 1 to 12.
- The event will be BSL interpreted. We welcome proposals for events in English and BSL.
- The venue has level access throughout.
- Pay-what-you-can hostel accommodation for folk travelling from outside Edinburgh.

Call for sessions: what are we looking for?

Type of sessions

We're excited to hear a wide range of ideas in response to the themes of the event. There's no fixed format — we want to know what you think is needed. We're hoping that COPPICE will be a space to make connections and learn together, so we're unlikely to programme anything where you're talking at the audience for the whole time. We're going to focus on sessions with clear links to concrete action rather than abstract theory.

Some examples of events might include:

- Skillshares and practical workshops,
- Panel or group discussions,
- Facilitated conversations and strategy spaces,
- Sessions targeted at specific groups, e.g., people doing a specific kind of organising or working in a particular geographic area,
- Presentations or performances with accompanying discussion,
- Something else…

Most sessions at COPPICE will be **90 minutes long**. If you have an idea for something longer you can still apply, but it might be harder for us to fit into the programme. We're also keen to hear proposals for installations, displays, or other things that can stay in the space over the weekend.

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Payment and expenses

You will receive a £375 presenter fee if you run a session at COPPICE. This fee is per session, so if you are running a session in a pair or group you will need to decide how to share it.

You will need to invoice us for this fee. If this is a problem, e.g., because of your migration status, let us know and we can discuss other payment options.

We can provide flipchart paper, printing, stationery, a projector, etc. We don't have an additional budget for session costs beyond these basics, so if you need props or equipment you'll need to bring these yourself.

We will cover presenters' travel within the UK. If you're coming from abroad, we can cover the UK part of your journey. Pay-what-you-can hostel accommodation will be available for everyone attending COPPICE, whether they are presenting or not.

Submitting a proposal

Submit your proposal by filling out the google form linked here.

If this format doesn't work for you, or if you'd like to talk to us before sending us your proposal, email us at info@tripodtraining.org. You can submit a proposal in video format (English or BSL) if that's more accessible to you — please keep it under 5 minutes in length.

The deadline for session proposals is Sunday 17th January 2027.

What happens next?

- Deadline: **Sunday 17th January**
- Decisions shared by **Wednesday 27th January**

You will receive an automated response confirming that your form has been received. If you don't get this email, please let us know.

Once the deadline has passed (Sunday 17th January), we'll look at all the proposals and organise them into a programme for the weekend. We might get in touch to ask you for more

information about your proposal, or to see if you're up for collaborating with others who shared similar ideas.

We'll put together a programme that has a variety of presenters, topics and session formats, with sessions spread across the three themes of the weekend. We will probably get more proposals than we have space for and we will not be able to say yes to everyone.

We'll let you know whether your proposal has been accepted by Wednesday 27th January 2027.

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If you have questions about COPPICE 2027 or this call-out, contact the Tripod team at info@tripodtraining.org