

THE 7 COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES



1 OPEN AND VOLUNTARY MEMBERSHIP

Anyone can join the co-op - we do not discriminate based on gender, social, political, racial or financial status.

2 DEMOCRATIC MEMBER CONTROL

Members control their business by deciding how it's run and who leads it.

3 MEMBERS ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION

All members invest in their cooperative and benefit equally from the co-ops profit.

4 AUTONOMY & INDEPENDENCE

When making deals or raising money, co-ops never compromise their autonomy or democratic member control.

5 EDUCATION, TRAINING & INFORMATION

Education and training opportunities for employees, members, and the greater community.

6 COOPERATION AMONG COOPERATIVES

Co-ops believe working together is the best strategy to empower their members and build a stronger co-op economy.

7 CONCERN FOR COMMUNITY

Co-ops are community-minded. They contribute to the sustainable development of their communities by sourcing and investing locally.