

Application for membership of Co-operatives Yorkshire and the Humber

Membership of Co-operatives YH is open to all co-operatives, mutual organisations, and Third Sector organisations promoting co-operative and mutual principles operating in Yorkshire and the Humber.

Co-operative and mutual organisations are defined as those operating broadly in accordance with the principles and values set down by the International Co-operative Alliance.

SECTION A – ORGANISATIONAL DETAILS

Company name:			
Address:			
City:			
County:		Post Code:	
Email:			
Website:			
Telephone No:		Mobile No:	
Primary Contact:			
Position in Company:			

Organisation Type (please circle all that apply)

Limited by Guarantee	IPS	Unincorporated	Other (Fill in below)
LLP	Charity	CIC	
Credit Union	Workers Co-op	Mutual	
Number of employees:		No of Volunteers:	

Nominated Representatives

Nominated Representative	
Email address	
Representative 1	
Email address	
Representative 2	
Email address	

SECTION B – COMPANY DETAILS

When were you established:	
How long have you been trading:	
Description of products and services:	
Are the above details as per http://yorkshireandhumber.uk.coop	
Yes	No

I support the co-operative values and principles (see overleaf) Yes // No

Please state how you support the co-operative values and principles:

If possible, please also provide copies of your governing documents.

Signed by _____ Position _____ Date _____

Statement on the Co-operative Identity

Definition

A co-operative is an autonomous association of persons united voluntarily to meet their common economic, social, and cultural needs and aspirations through a jointly-owned and democratically-controlled enterprise.

Values

Co-operatives are based on the values of self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity and solidarity. In the tradition of their founders, co-operative members believe in the ethical values of honesty, openness, social responsibility and caring for others.

Principles

The co-operative principles are guidelines by which co-operatives put their values into practice.

1st Principle: Voluntary and Open Membership

Co-operatives are voluntary organisations, open to all persons able to use their services and willing to accept the responsibilities of membership, without gender, social, racial, political or religious discrimination.

2nd Principle: Democratic Member Control

Co-operatives are democratic organisations controlled by their members, who actively participate in setting their policies and making decisions. Men and women serving as elected representatives are accountable to the membership. In primary co-operatives members have equal voting rights (one member, one vote) and co-operatives at other levels are also organised in a democratic manner.

3rd Principle: Member Economic Participation

Members contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of their co-operative. At least part of that capital is usually the common property of the co-operative. Members usually receive limited compensation, if any, on capital subscribed as a condition of membership. Members allocate surpluses for any or all of the following purposes: developing their co-operative, possibly by setting up reserves, part of which at least would be indivisible; benefiting members in proportion to their transactions with the co-operative; and supporting other activities approved by the membership.

4th Principle: Autonomy and Independence

Co-operatives are autonomous, self-help organisations controlled by their members. If they enter into agreements with other organisations, including governments, or raise capital from external sources, they do so on terms that ensure democratic control by their members and maintain their co-operative autonomy.

5th Principle: Education, Training and Information

Co-operatives provide education and training for their members, elected representatives, managers, and employees so they can contribute effectively to the development of their co-operatives. They inform the general public - particularly young people and opinion leaders - about the nature and benefits of co-operation.

6th Principle: Co-operation among Co-operatives

Co-operatives serve their members most effectively and strengthen the co-operative movement by working together through local, national, regional and international structures.

7th Principle: Concern for Community

Co-operatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies approved by their members.

More information about the values and principles can be found at: www.ica.coop