

The Seven Cooperative Principles



Cooperatives around the world commit to these seven principles. These core principles help us put our values into practice and better serve our members.

Voluntary and Open Membership

Membership in co-ops is voluntary and non-discriminatory



Democratic Member Control

Co-op members actively participate in decision making and elect a board of directors on a one-member, one vote basis to govern the co-op.



Member Economic Participation

Co-op members contribute to and democratically control the capital of our cooperative.



Education Training and Information

Co-ops provide training to members, directors, and staff to contribute to the co-op's development, and inform the public about the value of cooperation.

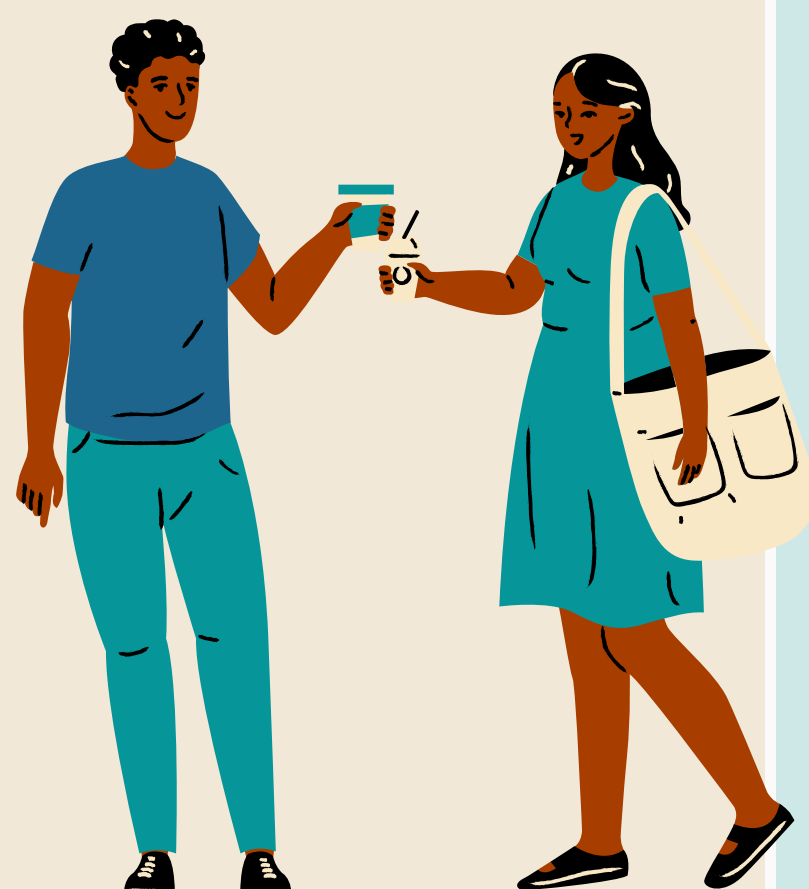
Autonomy and Independence

Co-ops are independent, self-help organizations, controlled democratically by their members.



Cooperation Among Cooperatives

Co-ops work together with other cooperatives.



Concern for Community

Coops care about their community and work for its sustainable development.

