Co-operative Values and Principles

Co-operative Values

Self Help

- Working together for mutual benefit

Self Responsibility

- Acting responsibly and playing a full part

Democracy

- Members control the organisation

Equality

- Members have equal rights and benefits (according to their contribution)

Equity

- Treating people justly and fairly

Solidarity

- Supporting each other and other co-operatives

Ethical Values

Honesty

- Honest in our dealings with members, customers and staff

Openness

- Open when we deal with others i.e. Product information

Social Responsibility

- Fair Trade, Terms and Conditions, Community

Caring for others

- Team working, Decision Making, Customer Focus

Co-operative Values and Principles answer the question:

'Is it OK to do this?'

Principles

First Principle

- Voluntary And Open Membership

Second Principle

- Democratic Member Control

Third Principle

- Member Economic Participation

Fourth Principle

- Autonomy and Independence

Fifth Principle

- Education, Training and information

Sixth Principle

- Co-Operation Among Co-Operatives

Seventh Principle

- Concern For Community