



Bringing co-operative values to education

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Co-operative Values

Self help	In co-operatives people help each other whilst helping themselves by working together for mutual benefit.
Self responsibility	Individuals within co-operative act responsibly, assume responsibility for their actions and play a full part in the organization
Democracy	A co-operative is structured so that members have control over the organisation
Equality	Each member has equal rights and benefits (according to their contribution)
Equity	Members are treated justly and fairly
Solidarity	Members support each other and other co-operatives
Honesty	Since the earliest days of the Rochdale Pioneers, co-operators have stressed the importance of honesty. Honest dealings with customers and suppliers, reliable quality and fair prices builds a reputation as a trustworthy organization.
Openness	Striving to be truthful requires co-operatives to be open, to disclose information about their products, their service and the way they are organised.
Social responsibility	Co-operatives are an important part of their community. As such they have a responsibility to these communities, as a retailer and employer and through the support we give to their development.
Caring for others	This is about how we relate to each other, both within the Society and to others who live within our communities, especially by assisting them to help themselves.