

Principle 5 (Yorkshire Co-operative Resource Centre) Limited

Purposes, Aims and Secondary Rules

Purposes and Aims

- Protect and safeguard the books, publications, archival materials and resources placed in trust for the use of the co-operative movement and for future generations.
- Make these available to all members who would wish to use them.
- Support the development of co-operative education and culture.
- Work co-operatively with other organisations and individuals who have compatible aims.
- Seek support from the wider co-operative movement.
- Be as true as possible to the ICA Statement of Co-operative identity (Values and Principles).

Secondary Rules

1. Membership of Principle 5 YCRC is open to individuals who are interested in the Co-operative Movement. Co-operatives and other organisations which support co-operative education are also encouraged to become Members. The minimum subscription is £10 per year for User Members and £30 per year for Supporter Members. The minimum subscriptions are kept low in order not to discourage anyone who wishes to be a member. But in order to continue to provide a service, members are asked to pay an enhanced membership subscription if they are able to afford it.
2. Members who borrow books from the Resource Centre are responsible to the co-operative for their return.
3. The Principle 5 co-operative is dependent upon the skills and time of its members and requires volunteers who can manage the library, archives, events, governance, networking etc.

4. It is expected that most members will be users of the Resource Centre and attenders of P5 events.
5. Principle 5 will always seek to work in co-operation with other co-operatives and be a supporter of Fairtrade.
6. These Secondary Rules may be altered by a simple majority vote at a General Meeting, provided that the proposed change(s) have been notified to the members at least 14 days in advance. They may be altered at any time by the Board, with immediate effect, but the change(s) must be ratified by a simple majority vote at the next General Meeting, where at least 14 days' notice of the change(s) has been given to the members.
7. Matters which are not found in these secondary rules are laid down in the Articles of the Co-operative.