

Terms and Conditions of Membership

The aim of Platform 6 Development Co-operative Ltd. is to grow the co-operative economy and support co-operatives by providing a platform where members can:

- Contribute to and benefit from a fund for co-operative development.
“Development” in this context includes the establishment of new co-operatives, building the capacity of existing co-ops, the conversion of non-co-operative enterprises to co-operatives.
- Co-operate with other co-operatives by inter-trading, sharing resources and collaborating in accordance with the sixth principle.
- Contribute to and benefit from programmes that educate and raise awareness and understanding of the co-operative option and the co-operative advantages in the wider economy, in accordance with the fifth principle.

The services and membership criteria defined below are subject to change by the membership of Platform 6 Development Co-operative as the organisation grows.

Membership Criteria

The Co-operative may admit to membership any individual, incorporated body or constituted unincorporated association or partnership that wishes to use the services of the Co-operative and has paid or agreed to pay any subscription or other sum due in respect of membership for the use of the Co-operative's services.

Incorporated bodies, constituted unincorporated associations and partnerships (“Corporate Members”) must nominate one representative to the Co-operative.

Services

The services of the Co-operative are defined as the provision of an on-line platform that aims to:

1. Facilitate a network of co-operative working and development practitioners
2. Facilitate the sharing of resources
3. Generate funds for co-operative development and education activity
4. Broker relationships within that community of practice to deliver formal, and informal, co-operative business support to new and existing co-operatives.

Member Benefits

The benefits of Membership of the Co-operative may include:

1. Having the ability to contribute to and access a common fund for co-operative development:
 - Funds will be distributed following a successful proposal agreed by the Members
 - Proposals must relate to co-operative development or education, and be in a form decided by the Co-operative from time to time
 - Funds may be used for the activities of non-members, but proposals require the active sponsorship of a Member.
2. Having the ability to contribute to and access a common resource for co-operative development:
 - Members will be able to edit and add to shared co-operative development resources.
 - These common resources may also be accessible to non-members
 - Members will be able to access the accumulated knowledge and expertise of the Co-operative's Members through the platform.
3. Having the ability to showcase and market Members' services to the co-operative sector:
 - The platform may include a directory of Members' services
 - The services of Members may also be public facing.
4. Having access to the services of other Members:
 - The platform may be used for invitations to tender for work
 - The platform may be used to create collaborative bids for external contracts.

In addition, the Members will elect the Directors of the Co-operative and ultimately decide its strategic direction.

Membership Fees

The sum due in respect of Membership will be an amount to be decided by the Member (pay as you feel, subject to a minimum amount) and paid on a monthly basis to the Co-operative by direct debit.

The minimum amounts to qualify for Membership are set by the Co-operative from time to time. Current minimum membership fees are published on the website.

Obligations of Membership

All Members agree to participate in General Meetings and to take an active interest in the operation and development of the Co-operative and its business.

Members have a duty to respect the confidential nature of the business decisions of the Co-operative.

Corporate Members shall appoint a representative who may during the continuance of her/his appointment be entitled to exercise all such rights and powers as the corporate body would exercise if it were an individual person. Each corporate member shall notify the Co-operative in writing of its choice of representative.

GDPR and Data Processing

Members of the Co-operative provide personal data to the Co-operative as part of their membership agreement with the Co-operative. Our Privacy Policy (<https://platform6.coop/privacy-policy>) sets out important details about the data we collect and how we will process your data as a member. Therefore it is important that you read and agree not only to these membership terms and conditions, but also our Privacy Policy.