

National Members' Council/Members' Council/Council: all different ways of referring to our Co-op's Members' Council. 'National Members' Council' is how we officially introduce it before using 'Members' Council' and 'Council' once people are familiar with it.

The Co-op/Co-op/Co-op Group/the Group: all different ways of referring to our Co-op. 'The Co-op' or 'Co-op' is how we're most commonly known as a brand and 'Co-op Group' or 'the Group' is our registered society name, which is commonly used within the Co-operative Movement.

The Co-operative/Co-op Movement/wider movement: a collective term for all co-ops and the role they play in providing a better way of doing business that encourages membership and people working together to make a difference.

Co-operative/Co-op Values and Principles: all co-ops are founded on the same seven principles and share a set of 10 values, which define how we operate.

Society: all co-ops are registered as societies. Whenever you see it spelt with a capital 'S', it refers to the specific society being talked about or that you're a member of.

Independent Society Member (ISM): a member of another UK co-op who holds one of Council's 15 independent society seats to help us all co-operate and represent members as a whole.

Rochdale Pioneers: widely regarded as the founders of the Co-operative Movement and the creators of Co-operative Values and Principles. Our Co-op has its roots in the co-operative society they started back in 1844.

Member Pioneers and Member Pioneer Co-ordinators: Member Pioneers bring together Co-op Member-owners, colleagues and local causes to make communities a better place to work, play, live and learn. Member Pioneer Co-ordinators lead teams of Member Pioneers and buddy with Council Members to drive local democracy and participation.

Co-op Difference: co-ops are owned by their member-owners and exist to meet their needs, making us a different way of doing business