



**Join Fair Trader today.**

We are 'the co-operative with a difference, making a difference' and by joining you can make a difference too. Read more about our aims and our values and find out about the benefits of becoming a member below.

You will receive a membership share certificate along with printed copies of the membership terms and conditions by post.

**How your membership contributes**

Your membership contributes to:

- supporting pioneering sustainable suppliers
- providing a supportive retail partner to disadvantaged communities
- providing consumers with informed choice through our unique sustainability assessment
- creating a retail offering to customers which consists entirely of fairly traded and ethical products from responsible suppliers
- supporting enterprise projects of other fair trade organisations, co-operatives, school and community groups

**Membership benefits**

- earn points on every purchase, currently equivalent to 1.0%
- participate in electronic voting on priorities, policy and board elections
- participation in online Assessment Forum
- volunteer for specific campaigns or projects
- opportunity to nominate a school, college community group, local fair trade shop or supplier as a corporate member
- volunteer for specific campaigns or projects
- introduction to worldwide community of like-minded individuals and organisations through the Online Forum
- opportunity to contribute to our blog
- share your fair trade photos and videos

**Important - Money invested in shares is fully at risk.**

If the Society fails, shareholders may lose some or all of the money invested. Before investing you should be clear about the key risks and we recommend reading our latest Directors report and accounts for more information (available on request from [info@thefairtraderscooperative.co.uk](mailto:info@thefairtraderscooperative.co.uk)).

Shares are ordinary withdrawable shares and are not transferable. You cannot sell/transfer your shares to another person. Shares will only be redeemed at face value by the co-operative in accordance with its Rules.

Thirteen weeks notice shall be required of any withdrawal. In the event that more than 10% of the total share capital of the co-operative shall be under notice of withdrawal in any one calendar year the right to withdrawal may be suspended by the Committee.

The Fair Traders Co-operative will not pay any interest on your investment in the first 2 years of trading

The shares in the co-operative are not 'securities' for the purpose of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000. It is therefore not authorised by the Financial Services Authority. If the business fails you have no right of complaint to the Financial Ombudsman or the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.

If you are in any doubt about your investment you should consult an Independent Financial Advisor authorised under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.

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