

Co-operatives UK Youth Advisory Group: Application form

We are looking for young people aged 16-30 years who are living anywhere in UK to join the Co-operatives UK Youth Advisory Group in 2026-27. We are seeking to add new members from a range of local areas, backgrounds and life experiences.

In order to submit your application, please provide the following information and send it to youth@uk.coop

Applicant Information	
First Name:	Surname:
Date of birth:	
Email Address:	Phone:
Home address:	
Postcode:	
Are you a member of any co-operatives? ☐ Yes - Please specify here: ☐ No	

This section is your chance to tell us a bit more about yourself and why you'd be a great candidate for the Youth Advisory Group.

You have the option of writing your answers in the text boxes on the following page or uploading a video (3 minutes maximum). If there's another method you'd prefer, contact us at youth@uk.coop

Your personal statement
What do you want us to know about you?

Why are you interested in becoming a Youth Advisory Group member? What would you like to gain from this experience?

What do you think you will bring to Co-operatives UK's Youth Advisory Group? What programmes or youth related activities have you previously been involved in?

What three things could Co-operatives UK do to increase young people's understanding of and passion for co-operatives?

OR

Propose a project that the Youth Advisory Group might work on to increase young people's understanding of, passion for and engagement with co-operatives.

By signing this application, I consent to the release of the information on my application and understand that it will be made available, on an as needed basis, to Co-operatives UK and staff, for the purpose of making appointments. If selected to be a member of the Youth Advisory Group, I agree to abide by the rules of the Group and I agree to attend meetings to the best of my ability.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please note this section is optional and is not in any way linked to the application process. You are not obliged to answer the questions in this section. If you do not wish to answer a question, simply answer 'Prefer not to say'.

Co-operatives UK is committed to creating a diverse, inclusive and accessible environment for everyone in all areas of our work. While completion of this form is optional, the information provided here will help us to understand more about the demographics of people applying to our Youth Advisory Group.

Diversity monitoring information (Please put ✓ in the appropriate box)			
Your gender			
☐ Male	☐ Female	☐ Non-binary	☐ Prefer not to say
☐ Prefer to self-describe - please specify here:			
Your sexual orientation			
☐ Bisexual	☐ Gay or Lesbian	☐ Heterosexual	☐ Prefer not to say
☐ Prefer to self-describe - please specify here:			
Your religion or belief			
☐ Buddhist	☐ Christian	☐ Hindu	☐ Jewish
☐ Muslim	☐ Sikh	☐ No religion	☐ Prefer not to say
☐ Other - please specify here:			
Your ethnic origin			
Ethnic origin is not about nationality, place of birth or citizenship. It is about the group to which you perceive you belong.			
White			
☐ British	☐ English	☐ Welsh	☐ Scottish
☐ Northern Irish	☐ Gypsy / Irish Traveller		
☐ Other - please specify here:			
Mixed			
☐ White and Black Caribbean		☐ White and Black African	
☐ White and Asian	☐ Other - please specify here:		
Asian/Asian British			
☐ Bangladeshi	☐ Chinese	☐ Indian	☐ Pakistani
☐ Other - please specify here:			
Black/Black British			
☐ African	☐ Caribbean		
☐ Other - please specify here:			
Other ethnic group			
☐ Arab	☐ Other - please specify here:		
☐ Prefer not to say			
Disability			
A disabled person is defined under the Equality Act 2010 as someone with a 'physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long term adverse effect on that person's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.'			
Do you consider that you have a disability?			
☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Prefer not to say	

The information in this form is for monitoring purposes only. If you believe you need support during the application process or a 'reasonable adjustment' to be a Youth Advisory Group member, then please reach out to us at youth@uk.coop