

TheFairTradersCooperative

Join The Fair Traders Co-operative 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).

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 (see www.thefairtraderscooperative.co.uk)

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 (up to June 2012)

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.

**The Fair Traders Co-operative Limited (Reg No 30710R)
The Toll House, 32-34 Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth HD92JS**

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Application for individual or corporate membership and shares.

The latest directors report and accounts, and development plan are available from info@thefairtraderscooperative.co.uk

How to apply:

1. Decide how many shares you wish to buy in the Co-operative. Applications must be for the minimum of £20 or any multiple of £20. The maximum number of shares any member can own is 1,000.
2. Fill in the application form in block capitals and sign it. If an organisation is buying shares, an authorised individual must sign and state their position within the organisation. Personal membership should be in an individual's name; if a couple wish to invest they should complete 2 forms indicating the number of shares for each person.
3. Pay on line via our website, or make out a cheque made payable to The Fair Traders Co-operative Limited, or submit cash, covering the cost of the shares.
4. Present the completed form and cheque/cash in person or send the form and the cheque to: **The Secretary, The Fair Traders Co-operative Limited, 32-34 Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth, West Yorkshire HD9 2JS.**
5. We will acknowledge receipt of your application immediately (or within 28 days for postal applications.)

- I/We and hereby subscribe for ordinary shares in the Society in accordance with the rules of the Society.
- I/We support the aims of The Fair Traders Co-operative and hereby apply for membership in the Society (*delete if already a member*)

Title	
Forename & surname	
Address	
Postcode	
Telephone (day)	
Telephone (evening)	
Email address	

Number of £20 shares applied for		Total value	£
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I authorise/do not authorise (*please delete as appropriate*) you to contact me by telephone in connection with any queries arising from my application.

I authorise/ do not authorise (*please delete as appropriate*) you to communicate with me by e-mail where appropriate, especially to save costs and materials where the alternative is to send papers through the post.

Signature		Date	
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