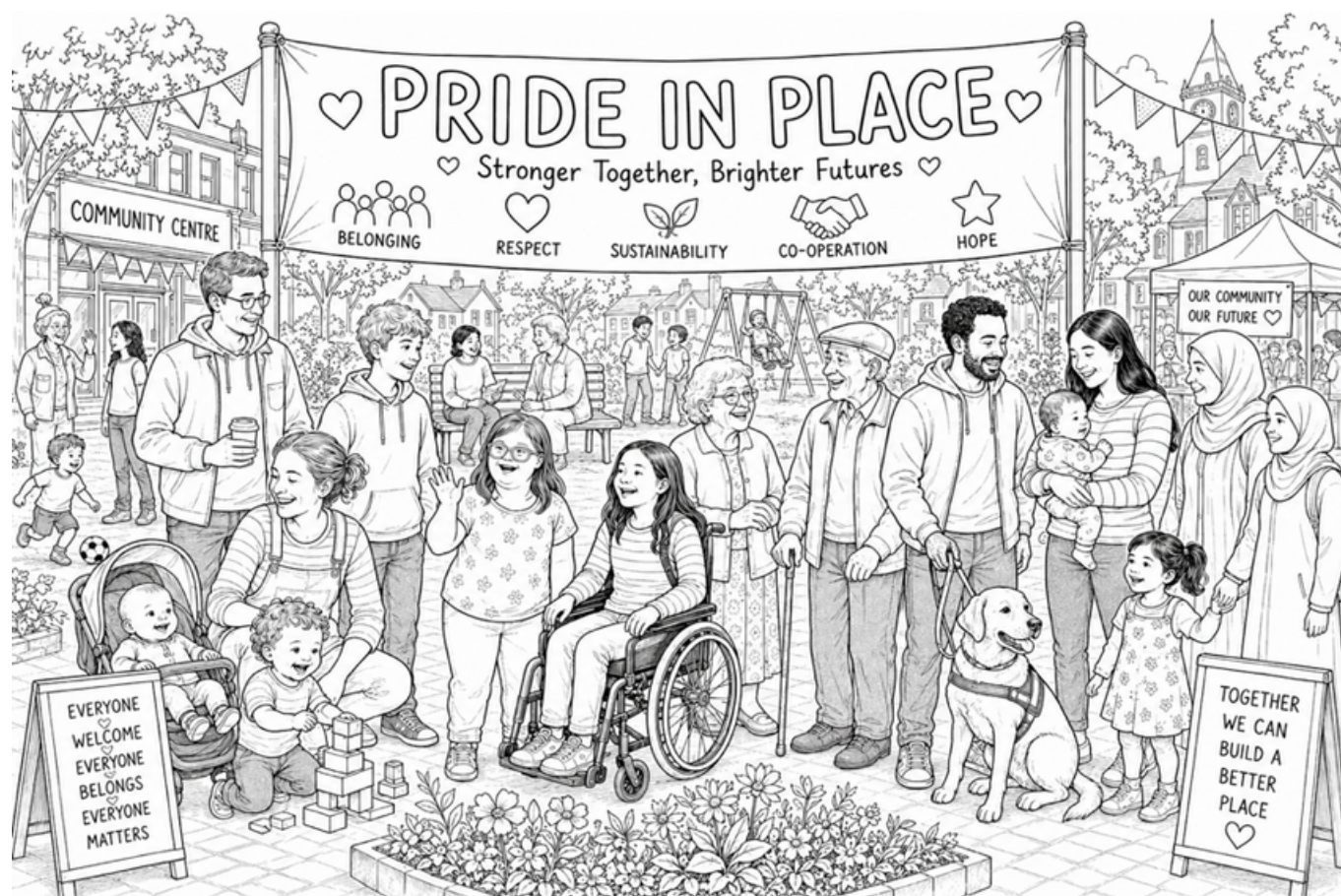


PRIDE IN PLACE

*A Young Co-operator's Guide to
Building Better Communities*



*By Yorkshire Young Co-operators and
their Young Co-operator Friends in Wales*

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CHAPTER 1

Welcome

Communities belong to everyone.

They belong to older people, younger people, and the generations still to come.

Communities are made up of:

- People
- Friendships
- Parks
- Nurseries and Schools
- Shops
- Libraries
- Play and Sports clubs
- Community centres
- Nature
- Memories
- Hope

Children and young people are not waiting to become important.

They are important now.

This book explores how children, young people and adults can work together to create places where everyone feels safe, included and proud to belong.

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CHAPTER 2

What is Pride in Place?

Pride in Place is about making communities:

- Friendly
- Safe
- Fair
- Green
- Welcoming
- Healthy
- Fun
- Inclusive

Pride in Place is not just about buildings.

It is about making places where people want to live, learn, work and play.

Pride comes from:

- Belonging.
- Trust.
- Kindness.
- Respect.
- Working together.



CHAPTER 3

Communities Belong to Everyone

Communities are shared between generations.

Children and young people:

- Use parks and playgrounds.
- Walk the streets.
- Travel to school.
- Visit libraries.
- Join clubs and activities.
- Meet friends.

Because communities affect children and young people, they should have a chance to help shape them.

Communities belong to all generations.



CHAPTER 4

Children and Young People are Citizens Now

Children and young people are not simply future citizens.
They are citizens today.

Young people:

- Volunteer.
- Raise money for charity.
- Care for family members.
- Protect nature.
- Support friends.
- Campaign for change.
- Create ideas.
- Help others.

Their voices matter.

Their ideas matter.

Their hopes , suggestions and ideas matter.



CHAPTER 5

Working Together - Co-operative Values and Principles

Co-operation means working together for everyone's benefit.



People all over the world use co-operative values to guide how they live and work together.

Co-operative Values

Self-help



Working together helps people achieve great things.

Self-responsibility



Everyone has responsibilities to one another.

Democracy



Everyone's voice matters.

Equality



Everyone deserves respect.

Equity



Some people need extra support to ensure fairness.

Solidarity



Standing together and helping one another.



Ethical Values

Co-operatives believe in:

- ♥ Honesty
- 💬 Openness
- 👥 Social responsibility
- 🤝 Caring for others



The Seven Co-operative Principles



1 Open Membership

Everyone should feel welcome.



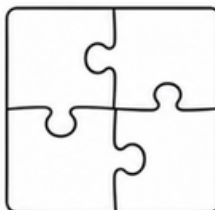
2 Democratic Member Control

People should help make decisions.



3 Member Participation

Everyone can contribute.



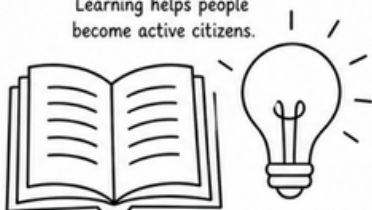
4 Independence

Communities should have a say in their own future.



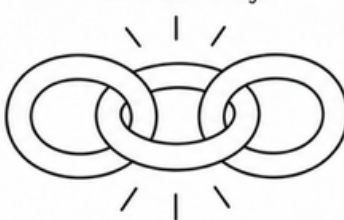
5 Education, Training and Information

Learning helps people become active citizens.



6 Co-operation Among Co-operatives

Working together makes communities stronger.



7 Concern for Community

Looking after people and places matters.



CHAPTER 6

Everyone Belongs

Communities are strongest when nobody is left out.

Everyone deserves:

- Respect.
- Kindness.
- Friendship.
- Safety.
- Opportunities.

Communities should include:

- Disabled children and young people.
- Neurodivergent young people.
- Young carers.
- Children from different cultures and faiths.
- Refugees and asylum seekers.
- LGBTQ+ young people.
- Children experiencing poverty.
- Care experienced children.

Belonging matters.



CHAPTER 7

Looking for Strengths

People often talk about problems.
But communities also have strengths.

Ask:

"What is strong?"

Communities are full of:

- Talents.
- Skills.
- Kindness.
- Creativity.
- Friendship.
- History.
- Hope.



CHAPTER 8

Why Relationships Matter

Communities are like living ecosystems.
Everything is connected.

- Families.
- Nurseries and childminders
- Schools.
- Play Services
- Health.
- Shops.
- Nature.
- Friendships.
- Sports clubs.
- Libraries.
- Neighbourhoods.

Strong communities grow when people trust one another and help each other.



CHAPTER 9

Caring for People and Planet

People need:

- Food.
- Homes.
- Education.
- Friendship.
- Safety.
- Nature.
- Belonging.

Everyone should have enough to live well.



At the same time, we must protect:

- Animals.
- Trees.
- Rivers.
- Air.
- The climate.
- Our streets and Neighbourhood.

Looking after the Earth means looking after future generations too.
have enough to live well.



CHAPTER 10

Looking After the Future

Children and young people will live longest with the decisions made today. That means they should help shape the future.

We can:

- Plant trees.
- Reduce waste.
- Protect wildlife.
- Save energy.
- Care for green spaces.
- Create cleaner communities.
- Join in making decisions about our communities
- Plan good neighbourhoods.



CHAPTER 11

Community Wealth Building

Communities are wealthy in many ways.

Not just money.

Communities are rich in:

- Friendship.
- Culture.
- History.
- Hope.
- Kindness.
- Trust.
- Skills.
- Local businesses, co-operatives, charities and community groups help communities become stronger.



CHAPTER 12

Young People as Community Leaders

Young people can become:

- Youth Ambassadors.
- Volunteers.
- Campaigners.
- Community Researchers.
- Environmental Leaders.
- Co-operative Members.
- Fundraisers.
- Community Organisers.

Leadership is not about being in charge.

Leadership is about helping others.



CHAPTER 13

Working with Adults

Adults and young people can work together as partners.

Good adults:

- Listen.
- Share power.
- Encourage ideas.
- Support participation.
- Respect young people's views.
- Volunteer

Good communities trust people of all ages.



CHAPTER 14

What Can We Do?

Young people can:

- Make community maps and plans.
- Plant flowers and trees.
- Create murals.
- Keep the neighbourhood clean
- Support older people.
- Make Everyone welcome;
- Organise events.
- Protect wildlife.
- Improve parks.
- Join local groups.
- Help community cafés.
- Celebrate local history.
- Support local businesses.
- Raise money for charities.
- Campaign for better things in the community
- Make your voices heard.
- Have Pride in your Place
- Enjoy the Place.



CHAPTER 15

Questions to Explore

- What do you love about where you live?
 - What would you protect?
 - What would you change?
 - What makes people feel welcome?
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- What makes you feel safe?
 - How can communities become greener?
 - How can children and adults work together?
 - What would make your neighbourhood better?
 - How can nobody be left out?



CHAPTER 16

Our Promise for the Future

We believe:

- Communities belong to everyone.
- Children and young people are not problems to be solved.
- They are strengths.
- They are rights holders.

They are citizens now.

- Through co-operation we can build places where:
- Everyone belongs.
- Everyone is respected.
- Everyone is listened to.
- Everyone can help.
- Everyone can flourish.



Because communities are held in trust between:

- Past,
- Present,
- And Future Generations.

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Our Young Co-operator Pledge

- We will care for people.
- We will care for places.
- We will care for the planet.
- We will listen to others.
- We will work together.
- We will include everyone.
- We will celebrate differences.
- We will stand up for fairness.
- We will help our communities grow.
- We will leave our communities better than we found them.

♥ ≡ Our Motto ≡ ♥

Nothing About Us Without Us

And Nothing About Some of Us Without All of Us



♥ Working Together for People, Place and Future Generations ♥



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