

Black Unicorn Coop Fund (working document)

An intentional community working together for mutual benefit. _____

This Coop Fund:

Is established as an evolving and self sustaining network of UK based QTIBIPOC (?) who are supported through an ongoing common fund, paid for by its members and through donations.

Is an experimental practice rooted in resource and wealth redistribution that seeks to provide social and economic sustainability for our direct and indirect communities.

Unites members who voluntarily meet economic, social, and cultural needs and aspirations through a jointly owned and democratically controlled enterprise (coop fund).

And will:

Address inequitable wealth distribution and the causes of injustice and inequality in our community through solidarity and discussion (coop fund).

Show solidarity with historical and contemporary anticapitalist struggles, and acknowledge how these struggles have also tried to defend against the violence of white supremacy, heterosexism, ableism, gender binaries and environmental destruction (coop fund).

Cooperatives are companies owned by the people who use their services. These member-owners form the company for a particular purpose: to satisfy an economic or social need, to provide a quality good or service (one that the market is not adequately providing) at an affordable price, or to create an economic structure to engage in needed production or facilitate more equal distribution to compensate for a market failure.

“co- operatives are based on the values of self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity and solidarity” (ICA 2012b), as well as accountability and transparency.

From ‘Collective Courage: A History of African American Cooperative Economic Thought and Practice’ by Jessica Gordon Nembhard

References:

‘The Black Unicorn’ poetry collection by Audre Lorde

[Coop Fund Handbook](#)

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[SolidFund](#) UK based coop solidarity fund