# Co-Creating the Future of Cooperation

A Live Principle 6 Collaboration Experiment





## The Session Agenda

- 1. The Story and Potential
- 2. The Platform
- 3. The Live Experiment
- 4. Community Feedback

### Part 1:

# The Story and the Potential

How do we unlock the power of cooperatives worldwide?







## A Global Powerhouse Hidden in Plain Sight.

A global movement waiting for shared infrastructure.



2.5 Million Cooperatives



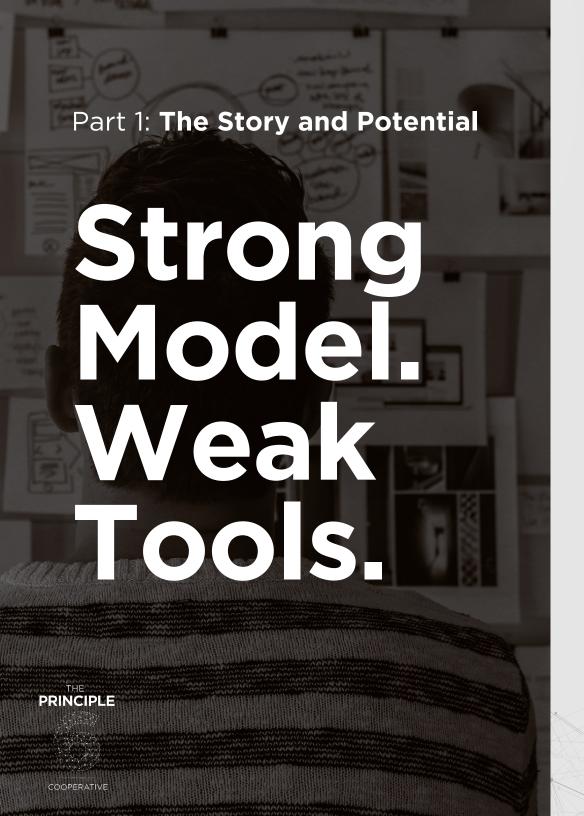
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280 Million **Employees** 



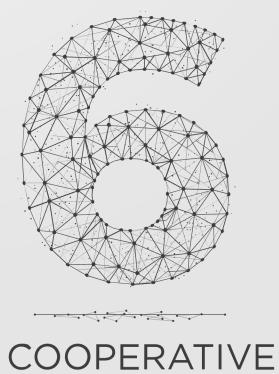
10% of the **Global Economy** 



## Cooperatives are resilient, but fragmented and digitally underpowered.

- Fragmented. Co-ops operate in isolation.
- Outdated Systems. Built for corporations, not co-ops.
- No Shared Infrastructure. Limits scaling and collaboration.
- Losing Ground. Competitors move faster with AI + platforms.

## THE **PRINCIPLE**



The digital backbone to unlock the power of 1 Billion cooperative members

## The **Principle 6 Cooperative** is more than a platform — it's a **movement** powered by **democratic control** and **equitable ownership**.

### Vision:

Connect 1 Billion
Members and
Empower 2.5 Million
Cooperatives through
cooperative-owned
intelligence and tools.

### Mission:

Give coops the ability to act smarter, faster, and more effectively together.

## **Identity:**

Rooted in Principle 6 — Cooperation Among Cooperatives, embedded in every coop's DNA.

## Ownership:

Democratically controlled and equitably owned — keeping wealth and sovereignty local.



#### Part 1: The Story and Potential

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# We're not a traditional tech startup.

# We're building it... TOGETHER.



## Part 2:

# The Platform

Four connected systems powering cooperation.



#### Part 2: The Platform

## Principle 6 Today























**COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITIES** 

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## **Adding Structure and Connection**

They help co-ops:

- Build & manage their community
- Share ideas & resources
- Deepen engagement
- Contribute to CoopAI









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#### **Digital Transformation & Technology** Adoption [P6]

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#### **RESOURCES**

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#### **COMMUNITY OWNER**

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#### Principle 6

We are a global, member-owned cooperative of cooperatives investing in the challenges and opportunities

Primary Role: Administrator

US Country:

Apex Or Multi Sector Sector:

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#### **Global Innovation Coop Summit**

A digital space where we turn ideas into action and cooperation into collective intelligence. This community was created to support and extend the session "Co-Creating the Future of Cooperation: A Live Principle 6 Experiment" at the 2025 International Cooperative Innovation Conference in Torres Vedras. During the session, participants will use this space to collaborate digitally, test new ways of working together, and co-create initiatives that demonstrate the power of shared intelligence across the cooperative movement.

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Business-to-Business Cooperation		
What shared markets or services could cooperatives build together? Description: Cooperation among cooperatives is our greatest competitive advantage — yet most co-ops still operate in isolation	1	2 weeks ag
Advocacy Discussion		
How can we raise the cooperative voice on the global stage? Cooperatives have the values, scale, and impact to lead on the world's biggest challenges — but our voice is still too often unheard in	1	2 weeks ag

#### **SURVEYS**

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**Cooperation in Practice** 

To understand how ready cooperatives are to collaborate across borders, sectors, and systems - and...

Take Survey

#### **RESOURCES**



Cooperative in •

Principle 6 Overview

Created at October 9, 2025

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#### **Justin Hammons**

Justin Hammons is a creative strategist and business builder with 25+ years of experience helping cooperatives grow through brand storytelling,... Read More

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**Explore Collaborative** 

Communities to bring the 6th principle of cooperatives to life.



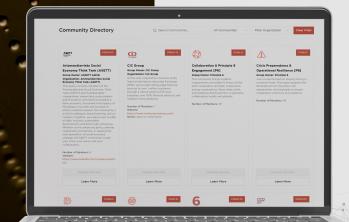
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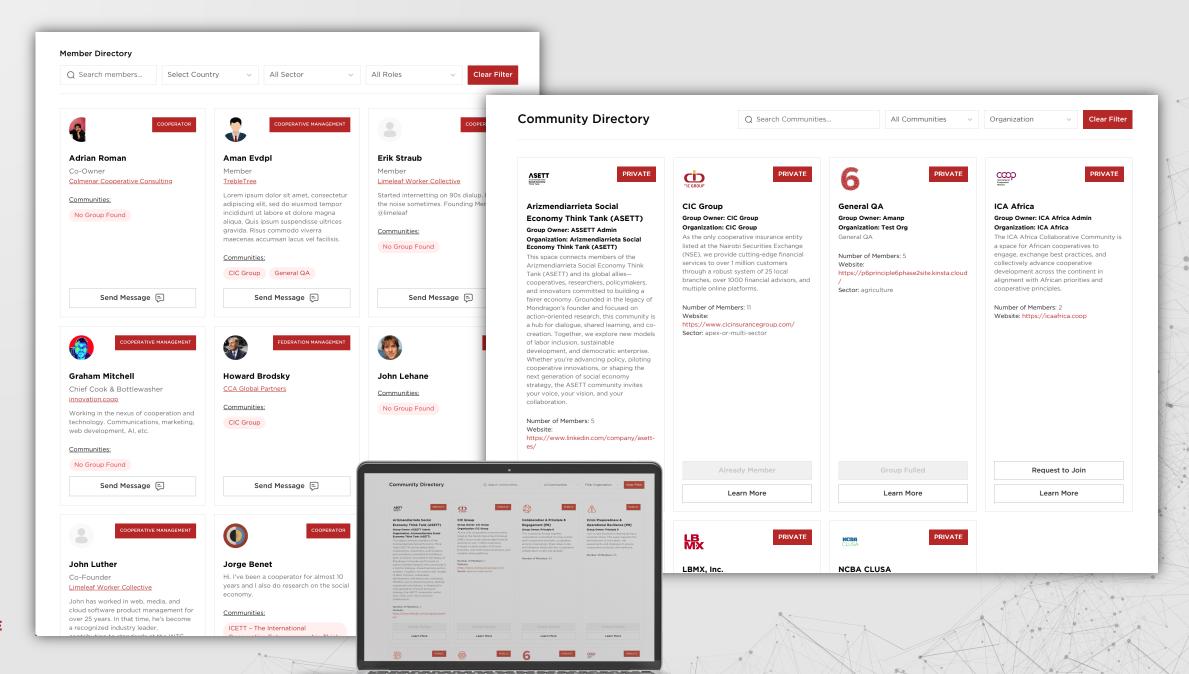
# Collective Wisdom, Shared Solutions



- Connect with Cooperatives around the world
- Turn ideas, questions, and experiences into shared action.
- Engage with other cooperatives through focused discussion threads.
- Collaborate on challenges that cross sectors, regions, and languages.
- Every post will contribute to the growing global
   Coop Al Knowledge Base.







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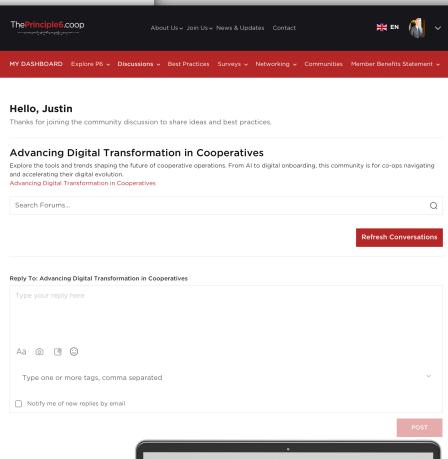
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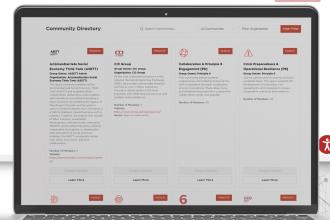
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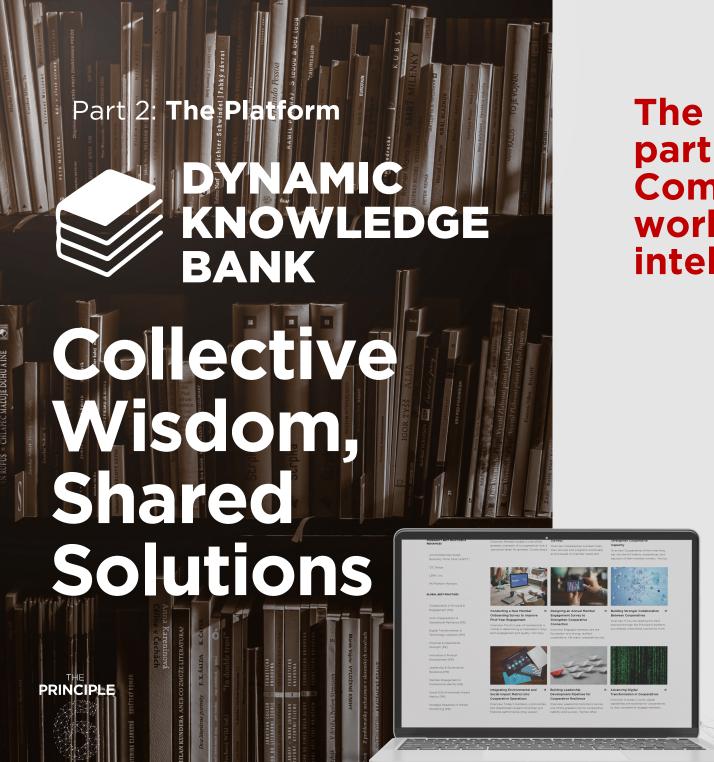
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The Dynamic Knowledge Bank, part of Collaborative Communities, captures realworld solutions and shared intelligence.

- Co-ops share real-world challenges and solutions.
- CoopGPT turns patterns into best practices.
- Knowledge flows back to the movement, powering smarter action.





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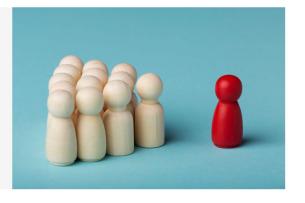
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#### Hello, Justin

Explore our growing library of best practices for ideas and insight just for cooperatives.

#### **Conducting a Member Loyalty and Retention Risk Assessment**





**EXPLORE P6** 

Explore & Learn

What's New at P6

#### Overview

Member loyalty is one of the greatest strengths of a cooperative—but it cannot be taken for granted. Conducting a Member Loyalty and Retention Risk Assessment allows cooperatives to proactively identify areas where member engagement may be weakening and take corrective action before dissatisfaction leads to attrition.

This best practice outlines how to systematically assess loyalty risk and build stronger, longer-lasting relationships with your member-owners.

#### **Core Tactics:**

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- Use Principle 6 Loyalty and Retention Templates. The P6 platform provides a ready-to-customize survey template



The Principle 6 Team

08 May 2025



Hello, Justin

All Resources

**Best Practices and** Information for Cooperatives

by Cooperatives.

- Conduct an Annual Loyalty Risk Survey. Use targeted questions to:
- Measure member satisfaction and trust
- Assess emotional connection to the cooperative
- Identify early signs of disengagement or dissatisfaction
- Understand factors influencing member renewal or attrition
- designed specifically for assessing loyalty and retention risks, including benchmark comparison options.

#### COMMUNITY BEST PRACTICES &

Site Features & How To

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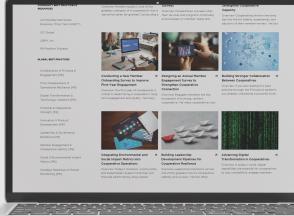
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Listen. Learn. Lead.

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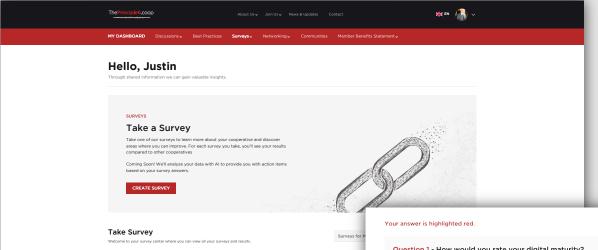
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- Build and deploy surveys for your coop, or federation.
- Choose from pre-built cooperative templates or create your own
- Utilize insights over time or across regions to guide real cooperative action.
- Turn results into Collective Intelligence

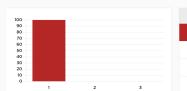
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Question 1 - How would you rate your digital maturity?

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10				1	Intermediate		
0 0 0				2	Basic	0%	0
0				3	Advanced	0%	0
0	1	2	3				



Question 2 - Have you adopted cloud-based platforms?

NO.	ANSWER	RESPONSES	COUNT
2	No	0%	0
3	In Progress	0%	0

using or planning to use AI? our barriers to digital transformation?

### Hello, Justin

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Learn more about your members with our easy survey builder.

#### **CREATE A SURVEY**

#### Surveying Members is Quick and Easy!

Surveys help you understand more about your members -

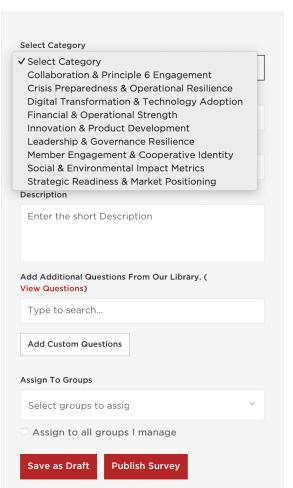
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to publish your survey, you can save h at a later date.

as been published, you can review survey from your survey dashboard.





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Member Engagement & Cooperative Identity

Collaboration and Principle 6 Engagement

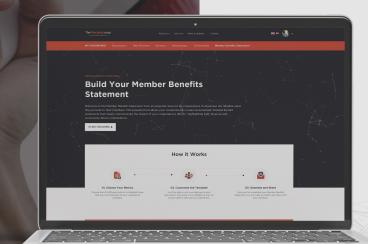
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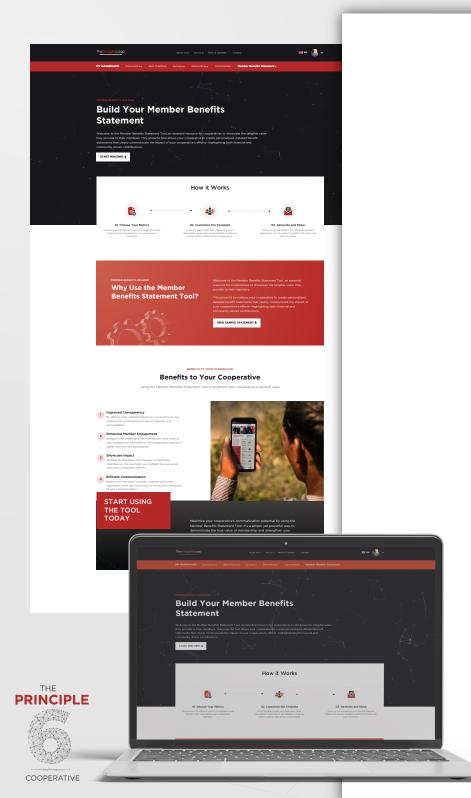
## Impact: The Proof of Power

The MBS and CIS platform translates cooperative impact into clear metrics that strengthen engagement and loyalty.

- Member Benefit Statements: tangible value to members.
- Cooperative Impact Statements extend the story outward to governments and partners.
- They demonstrate the real output of the movement in action.







#### Welcome

Welcome to your Cooperative Benefit
Statement, created just for you as a member of
your cooperative. This page highlights the key
ways your cooperative is working to deliver
value-from strong financial performance to
community contributions and sustainability
efforts. By being part of the Principle 6
network, your cooperative is also contributing
to a larger movement that empowers members
like you. Take a moment to explore how your
cooperative is driving positive change and
supporting your interests as a valued member.

#### The Key Metrics

- Member Engagement and Participation
- Patronage Refunds/Rebate Distributions
- Cost Savings for Members
- Revenue Growth and Profitability
- Impact on Local Communities
- Cooperation Between Cooperatives
- Sustainability and Environmental Impact
- Member Retention and Growth
- Service or Product Quality Improvement
- Training and Development Opportunities
- Member Return on Investment (ROI)

#### **Focused Metrics**

- Educational Outreach
- Member Benefits
- Policy Influence
- Digital Platform Usage
- Data Sharing and Collaboration Metrics
- Voting Participation Rates
- Decision Implementation Speed

#### **The Key Metrics**



#### Member Engagement and Participation

Metrics around the number of active members, participation rates in voting, and involvement in cooperative governance or decision-making processes.

#### 87%

#### **Participation In Annual General Meeting**

Our members are the foundation of our business and their participation makes our decision-making both democratic and strategically sound.



#### Patronage Refunds/Rebate Distributions

The percentage or amount of surplus profits returned to members based on their use of the cooperative's services or products.

#### 110%

#### Rebate Rate For Fiscal Year 2023

Our supplementary businesses and our slim operation budgets have allows us to return more money to our members during Fiscal 2023.



#### Cost Savings for Members

How the cooperative helps members save money through group purchasing, shared resources, or other collective bargaining advantages.

#### \$2,300,000

#### In Projected Cost Savings

Based on our calculations, our collective purchasing has helped save our member cooperatives a total of \$2.3 Million in fiscal 2023.



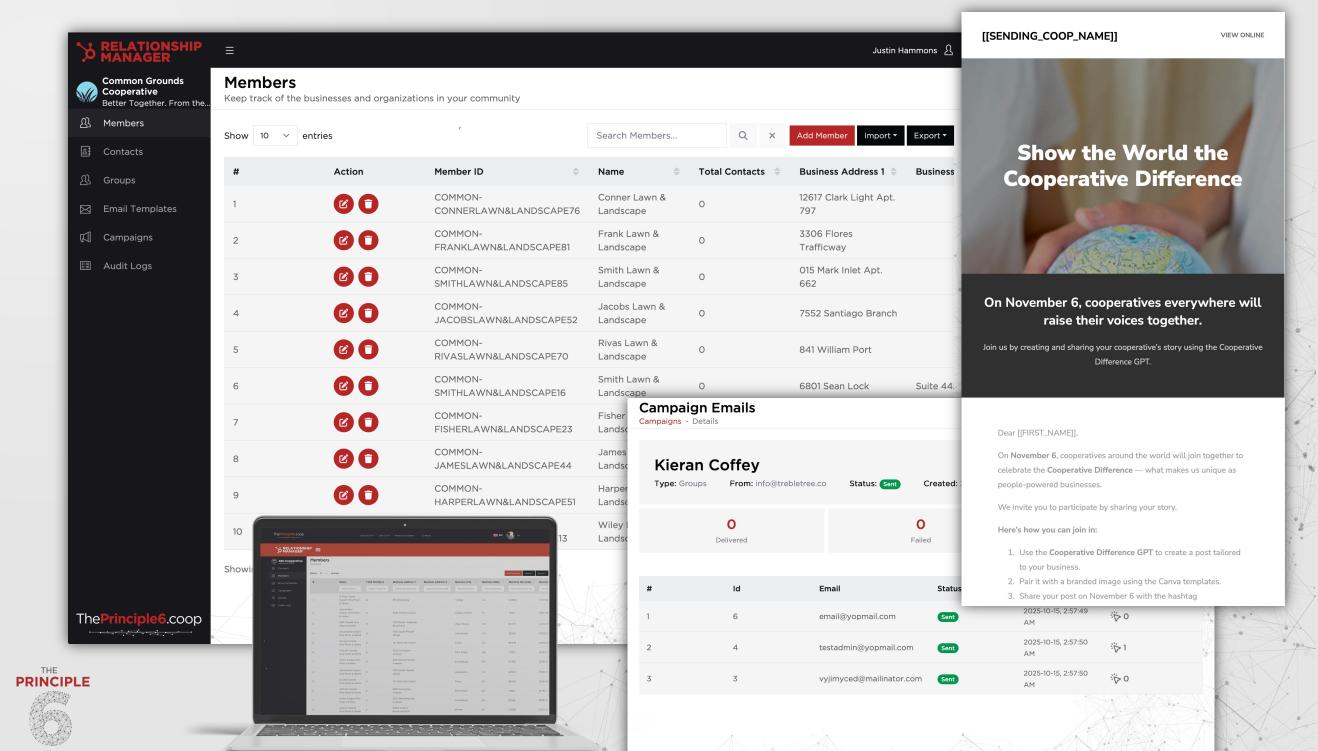
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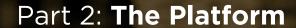


The MRM makes it easy for co-ops to understand, engage and strengthen relationships.

- Replaces Google Spreadsheets and Documents— priced affordably so that small and medium coops can adopt with ease.
- It's like Hubspot and Constant Contact built for Co-ops— CRM and email campaign management.
- A First Step— A member database is the foundation for AI integration. With AI we can automate and deepen engagement.



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**COOP AI SUITE** 

# Practical Tools Today, Collective Intelligence Tomorrow

## Practical today. Transformational tomorrow.

#### Launch focus:

- Storytelling and Engagement tools that make coops stronger right now.
- Automation + Synthesis through practical AI to streamline operations and surface insights.
- Dynamic problem-solving resources to help cooperative leaders generate and refine new solutions.

#### **Member-driven roadmap:**

- Future tools that will be built based on what the cooperative movement needs.
- Strategic scale-up as CoopAl synthesizes insights into movement-wide intelligence for coops, federations, and apex organizations.









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Part 2: The Platform



Thousands of



- Launching here at the GICS!
- Use The Cooperative Difference GPT to create a personalized social post that tells your cooperative difference.
- Join the movement during November, as cooperators everywhere post their stories to close the International Year of Cooperatives with one united voice.
- Every co-op, federation, member and employee add to the global story. It's a way to leverage the voices of a billion members.



Voices





By community builder

A virtual writer that helps cooperatives tell their story through a conversational interview and guided writing. It generates bios, video scripts, and versions of the story tailored for different audiences.

> Help me tell the story of my cooperative

strategic objectives that we

What makes a great cooperative story? Turn my story into a social awareness campaign?

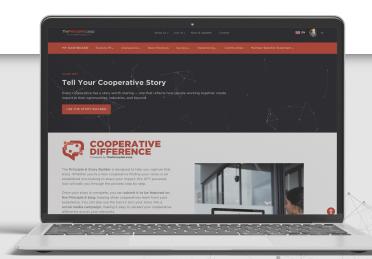
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Ask anything...

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What Makes a Cooperative Different? A Refresher for Some—A Primer for Others

We talk often about the cooperative difference—but it's worth coming back to the basics. Because even among people who've heard of co-ops, the distinction isn't always clear.

Let's zoom out.

Corporations are designed to extract value from people. Cooperatives are designed to generate value with people.

Here's one way to picture that in today's world: Imagine a ride-hailing platform.

In the corporate version, the platform connects drivers and riders—but the drivers don't own the app. They pay fees, follow algorithms, and keep just enough to stay on the road. The real profits? They flow up the chain to corporate headquarters and shareholders—not necessarily back into our community.

In a cooperative model, the drivers own the platform. They make decisions together, set fair policies, and share the profits. The value stays with the people who create it.

This isn't just a different business model—it's a different mission.

Co-ops use capital to serve the enterprise, not the other way around. Profits are reinvested, returned, and rooted in the communities that create them.

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Build and Share Your Cooperative Story

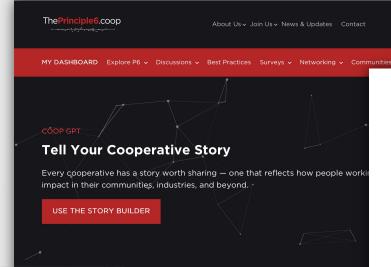


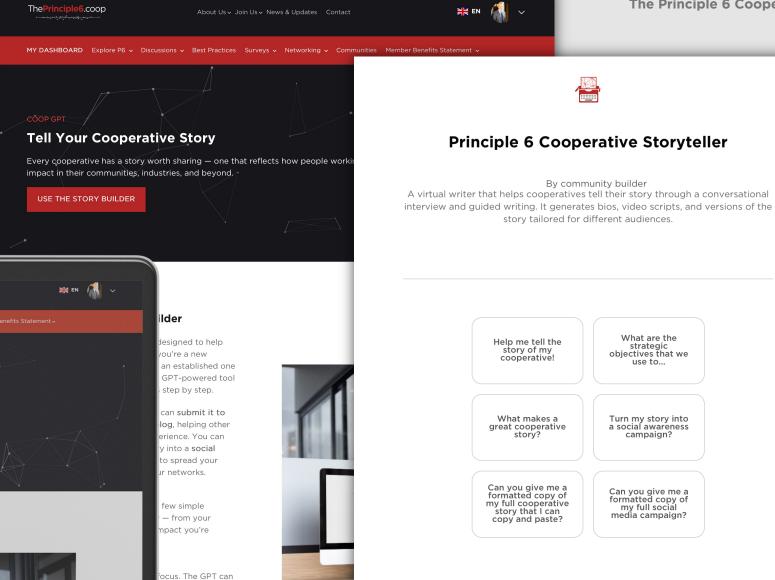
- Step-by-step guidance in crafting a compelling origin story.
- Creates ready-to-share content for social and web.
- Your feedback shapes the next generation of cooperative storytelling tools.
- Available exclusively to P6 Members











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What makes a great cooperative story?

Turn my story into campaign?

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The Principle 6 Story Builder is designed to help you capture that story. Whether you're a new cooperative finding your voice or an established one looking to share your impact, this GPT-powered tool will walk you through the process step by step.

**Tell Your Cooperative Story** 

Once your story is complete, you can submit it to be featured on the Principle 6 blog, helping other cooperatives learn from your experience. You can also use the tool to turn your story into a social media campaign, making it easy to spread your cooperative difference across your networks.



Part 3:

# Experiment

Let's co-create cross-sector solutions that only cooperation can unlock.



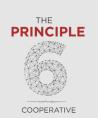
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Challenge: What barrier does this solution address? **Opportunity:** What could it unlock for cooperatives

worldwide?

Innovation: What new partnerships, technologies, or

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# Collective Advocacy Discussion:

How can we raise the cooperative voice on the global stage?

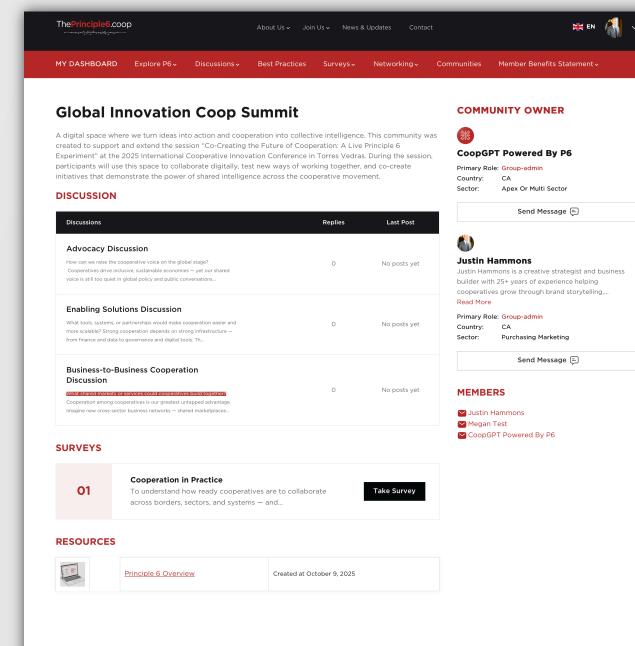
**Challenge:** What's keeping our voice from being heard? **Opportunity:** Where could a united message have the

biggest impact?

Innovation: What shared campaign, data effort, or

partnership could make it happen?







## **Our Results**

What initiatives could we collectively pursue to strengthen both individual cooperatives and the global cooperative economy?

## **Enabling Solutions:**

What we cocreated...

# Business to Business:

What we co-created...

# Collective Advocacy:

What we cocreated...









## The CM50 Results

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## **Enabling Solutions:**

- Initiatives to bring capital into the cooperative ecosystem (Exchange.coop)
- A shared, co-op owned, digital platform for networking, data and intelligence sharing (ThePrinciple6.coop)

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## **Business to Business:**

- Creating an ethical Amazon/eBay populated by cooperative enterprise to encourage coop to coop business.
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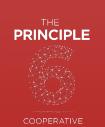
- Post Crisis Rebuild Fund
- Global Awareness
   Campaign
- Integrating the coop economic model into higher education curriculums
- Cooperative Heritage Map and Journey to build awareness and purposeful education



### Part 4:

# Community Feedback

Our opportunity to learn from you.



Principle 6 is how 1 Billion cooperative members become a connected, intelligent, and unstoppable force.



**Section 9: In Closing** 

# It Takes Each of Us to Make a Difference for All of Us

# Join us in building the world's first cooperative-owned collective intelligence community.

- **1. Register** yourself and your cooperative on the platform: Help build a decentralized AI and internet backbone.
- 2. Take the **Second Survey** for the GICS Collaborative Community
- 3. Create your Coop Difference Post, Post to your Social Media, and share with fellow cooperators, employees and cooperatives
- 4. Test Drive the **P6 Cooperative Storyteller** the cooperative movement.
- **5.** Connect with us to become a pilot

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