

Co-op Lab - Private Co-Owners Association - Network Overview

This overview confirms the nature, private agreements and governance framework of Co-op Lab process, vision and values.

The Nature of Co-op Lab

Co-op Lab is a process for people who contract to act honourably as co-owners and co-custodians in a Private Member Association Network. Their digital platform employs a private AI to match needs with offers; their own and those of their organisations and projects. Any gaps in relative values can be bridged using “currency”.

Members use a “mirror” local Agreement to create their own local Co-op Lab and across their hub-and-spoke network of Hub Guilds. A Committee is elected to identify and assist local specialists to develop “Hub Guilds” in all sectors - sports, arts, health, food, construction, technology, media, entertainment and so on.

The process serves as a unique “local audit” of co-owners committed to honourable exchange of skills, time, knowledge, goods and services. A hands-on educational process able to unfold as members cultivate their interests, skills, talents and knowledge. Innovative organisations and projects can arise to develop “assets”; with quality and quantity assured by co-owners standing as co-custodians in good faith.

Ongoing it is envisaged that the process will develop as a private “Market-Space”, on and off line; with networks of technology hub guilds collaborating to develop essential digital services. As the evolving social networks unveil numerous real life opportunities, peer-pressure for trustworthiness and empathy will support “hope-in-action” and general well-being.

In effect, Co-op Lab is an operational model for stress to reduce with untold savings for public expenditure. A new “Market-Space” with Actual Intelligence and common sense driving investment based on Real Values.

Governance & Membership Agreements

PART I - FOUNDATIONAL DOCUMENTS

1. Co-op Lab Network Overview
2. Member Entry Covenant
3. Co-op Lab Co-Owners Agreement

PART II - GOVERNANCE POLICIES

4. Schedule A - Committee Authority
5. Schedule B - Data & Confidentiality
6. Schedule C - Financial Stewards, Due Process & Communications

PART III - LOCAL NETWORK AGREEMENTS

7. Local Co-op Lab PMA Mirror Agreement
8. Hub Guild PMA Mirror Agreement

Member Agreement & Governance Overview

The Co-op Lab network is a **private, voluntary association of Members acting as co-owners and co-custodians of shared knowledge resources.**

Participation is governed through **binding private agreements among Members**, operating under principles of trust, reciprocity, autonomy, cooperative stewardship, non-commercial collaboration.

The network operates as a **network of independent Private Members Associations:**

Co-op Lab Co-Owners Association - Local Co-op Labs - Hub-and-Spoke of Guilds

Each operates independently and adopts the **principles of the Co-Owners Agreement.**

Key Principles

- Each PMA is **independent and self-governing**
- Cooperation occurs through **shared agreements and principles**
- Participation is **voluntary and private**
- The network operates **non-commercially**

The Three Agreements

1. Co-op Lab Co-Owners Agreement

All Members join the network through this **central governing agreement**, which establishes:

- the **private intellectual commons**
- **co-ownership structure**
- **member fiduciary responsibilities**
- **data stewards rules**
- **committee governance**
- **dispute resolution procedures**
- **non-commercial framework**

Local PMAs and Hub Guild PMAs mirror its principles.

2. Local Co-op Lab Agreement

Local Co-op Labs are where Members organise locally under the **Co-Owners Agreement**

3. Local Hub Guild Agreement

Local Co-op Labs support development of Hub Guild PMAs as **sector-specific specialist groups** formed by local specialist members. Each has its own members and governance operating non-commercially within the Local Co-op Lab network while **remaining structurally independent.**

Shared Principles Across the Network

All participating PMAs follow the same foundational principles.