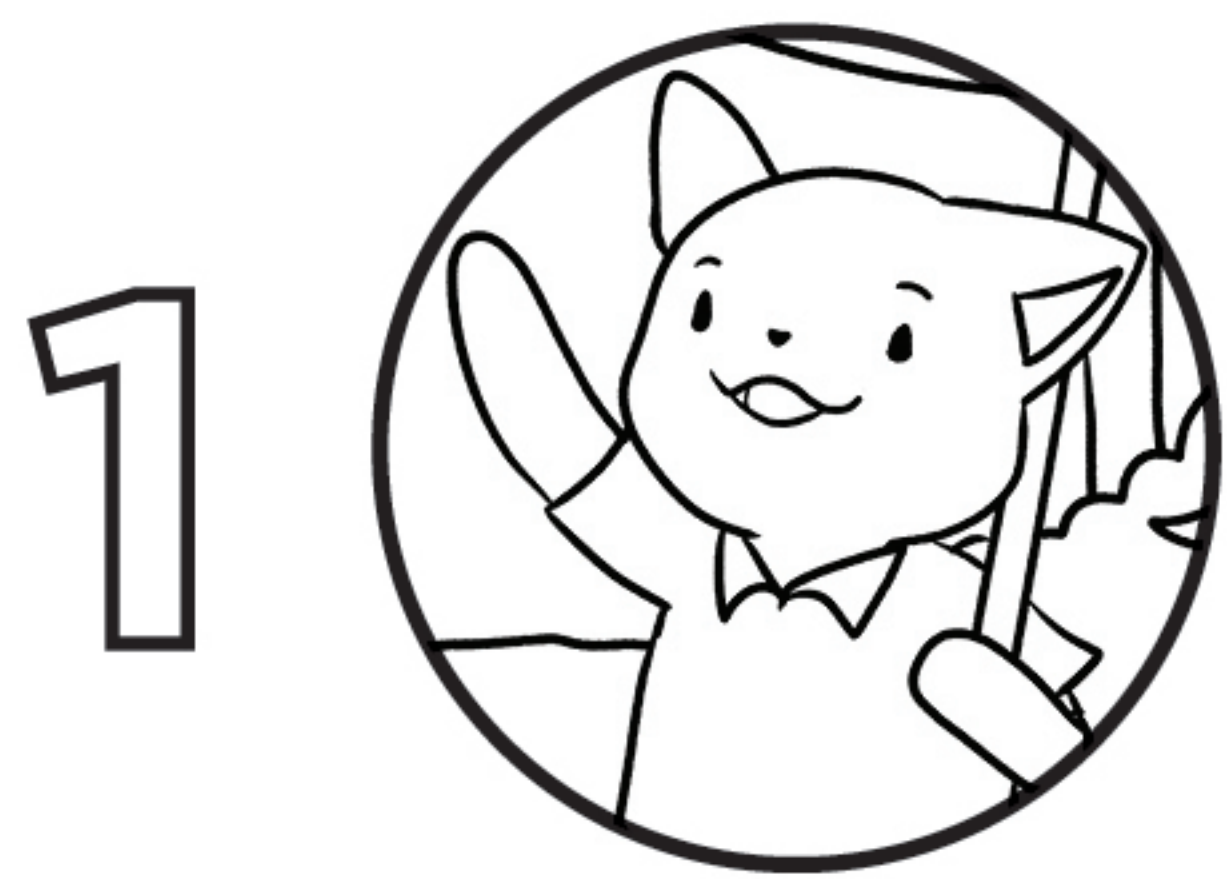
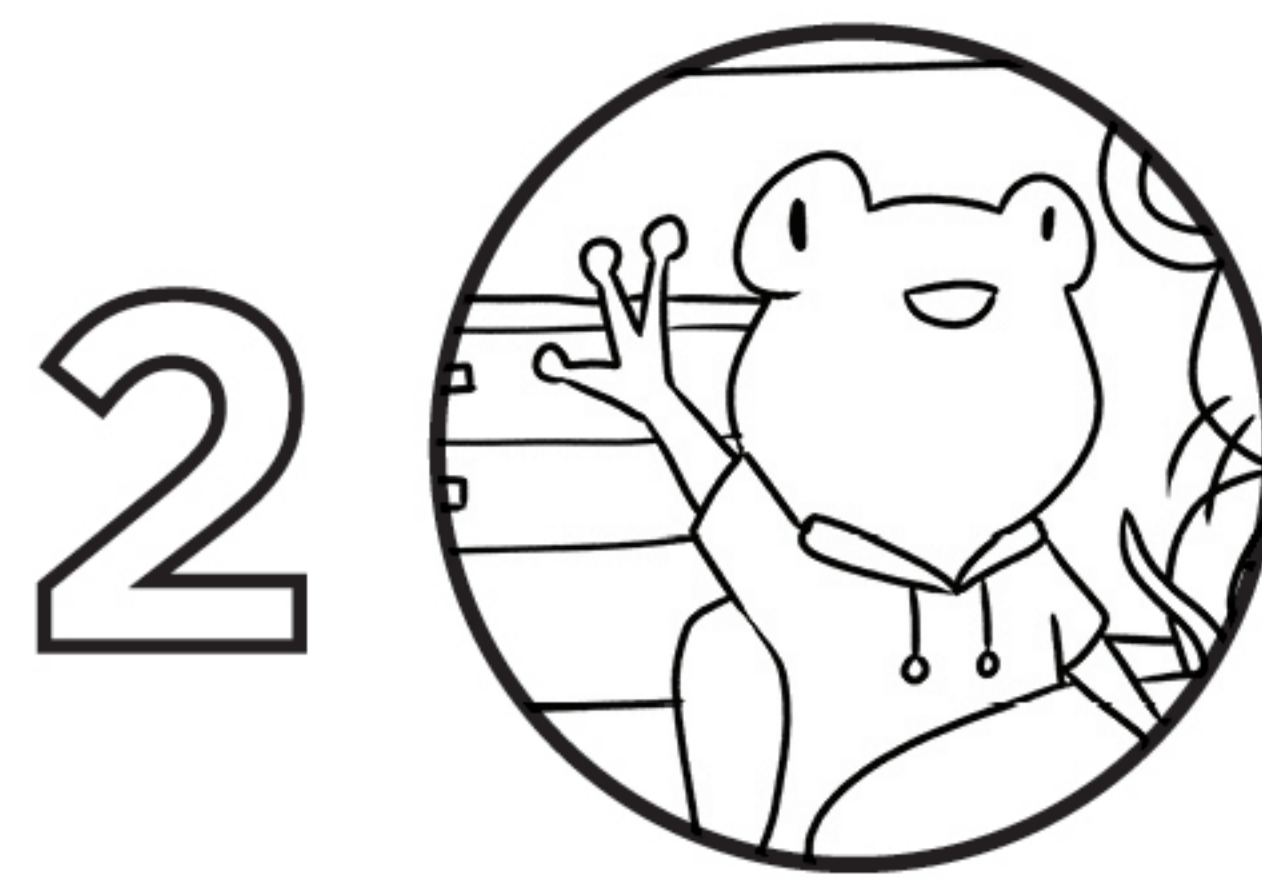


# SEVEN COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES

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Open and  
Voluntary  
Membership



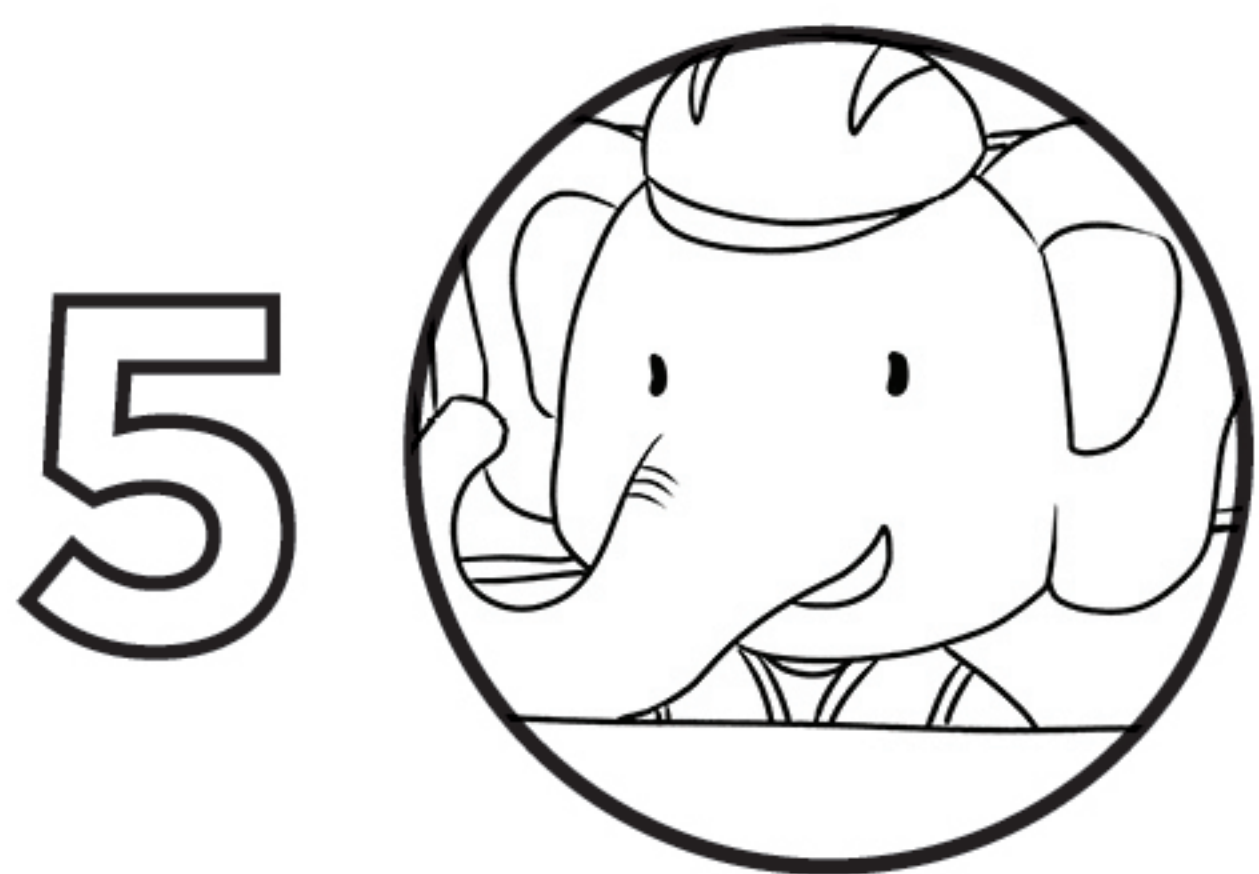
Democratic  
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Control



Members'  
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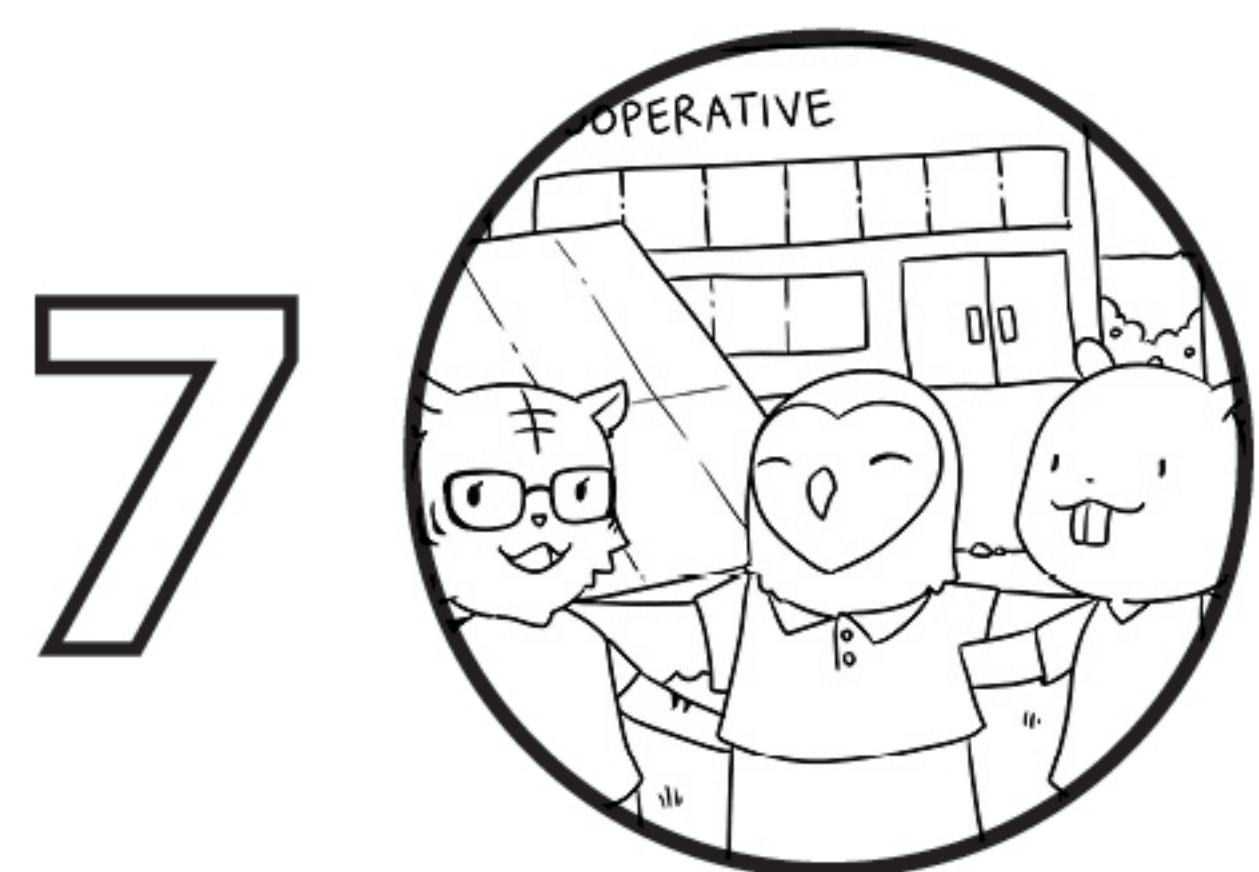
Autonomy  
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Independence



Education,  
Training and  
Information



Cooperation  
Among  
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Concern for  
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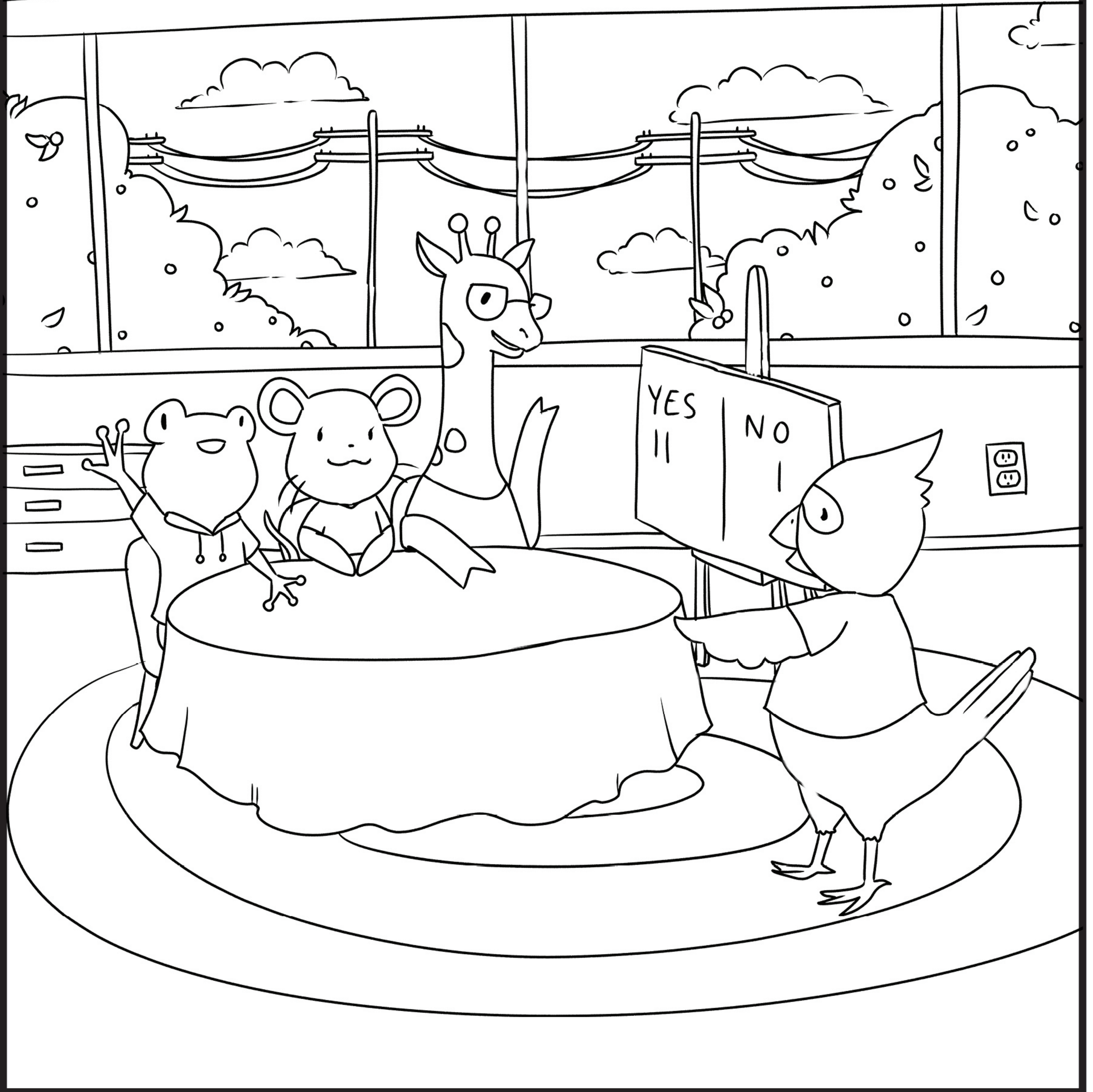
Did you know all co-ops use the same set of seven principles to guide their work?



Co-op membership is open to everyone who can use the co-op's services.



## DEMOCRATIC MEMBER CONTROL



Members get to make decisions about the co-op. Why? Because co-ops are created for the members, *by* the members!



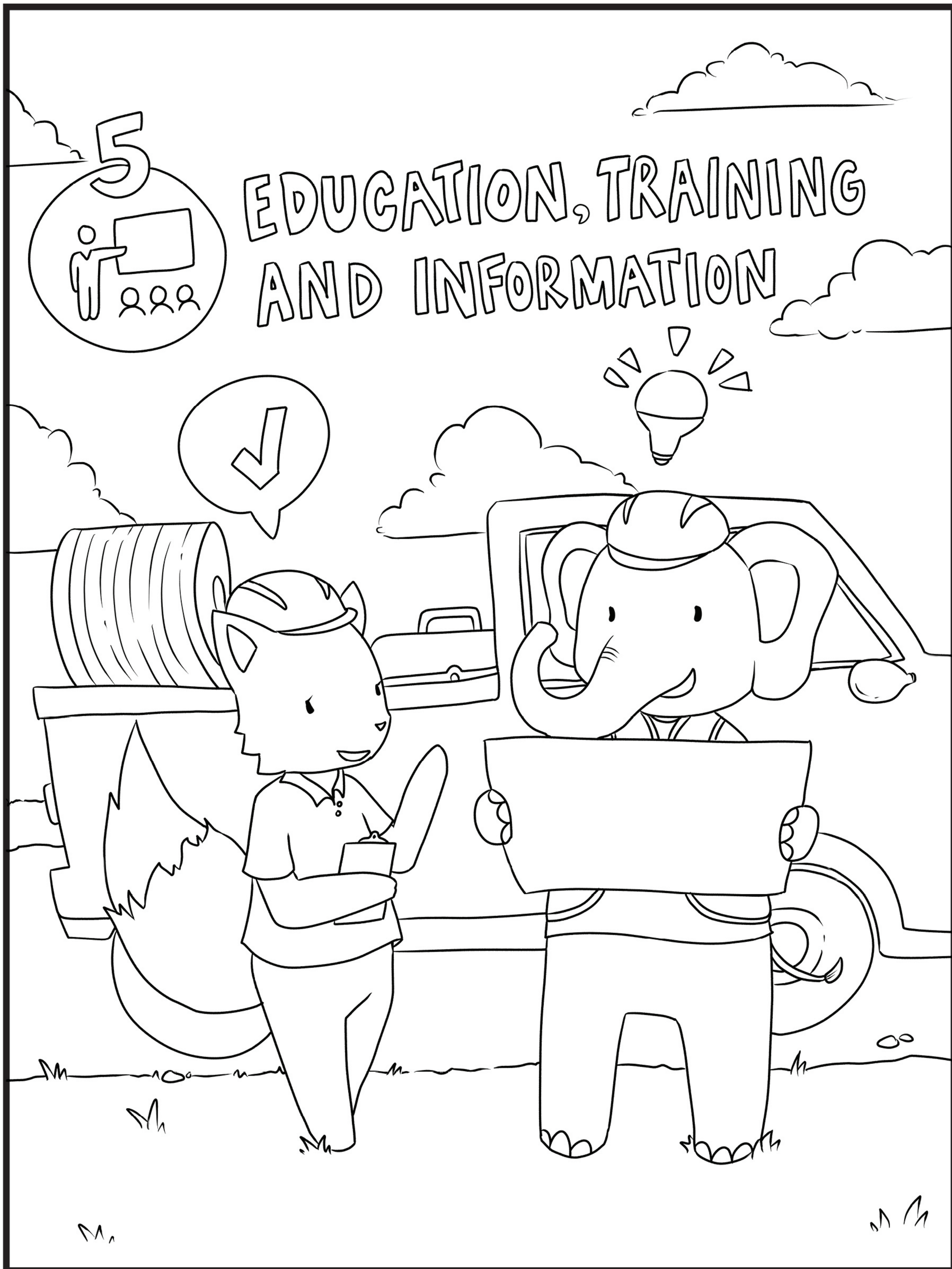
# MEMBERS ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION



Members contribute money to the co-op to make sure the co-op runs smoothly now *and* in the future. At your electric co-op, this happens through paying your energy bills.



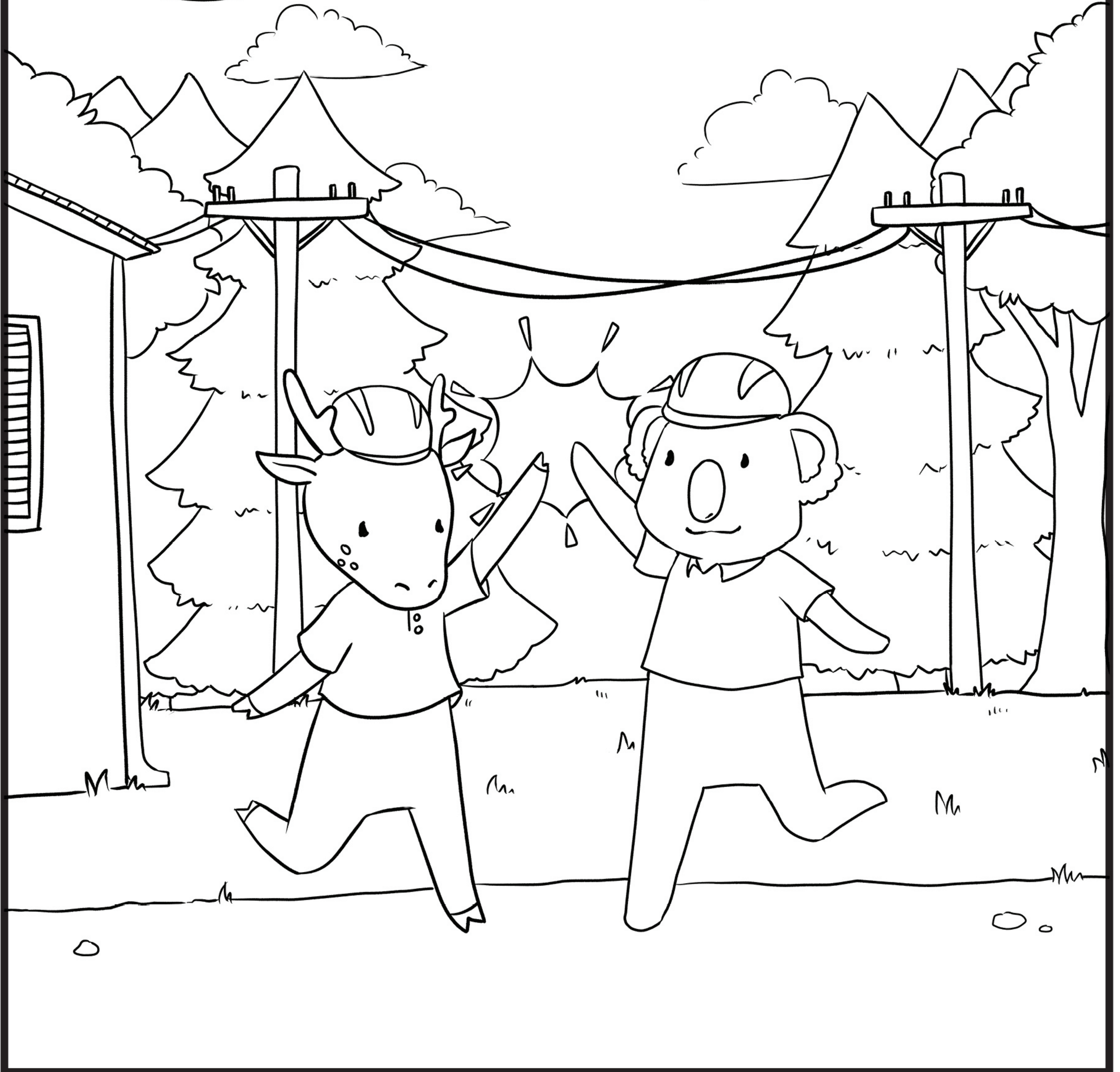
Members create co-ops to provide a service that is needed. Co-ops are independent and can operate on their own, which benefits the members.



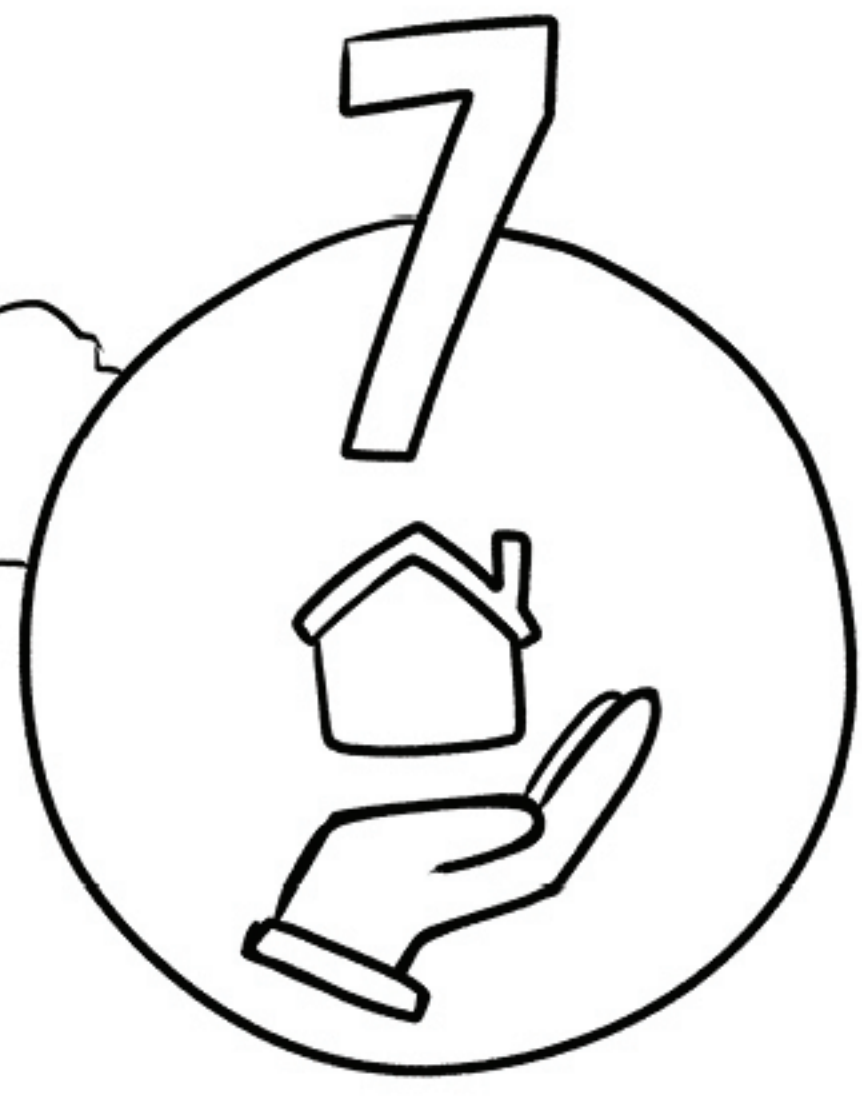
Just like you, we're always learning! The co-op focuses on education to ensure that employees and members have the training and information they need to make the co-op successful.



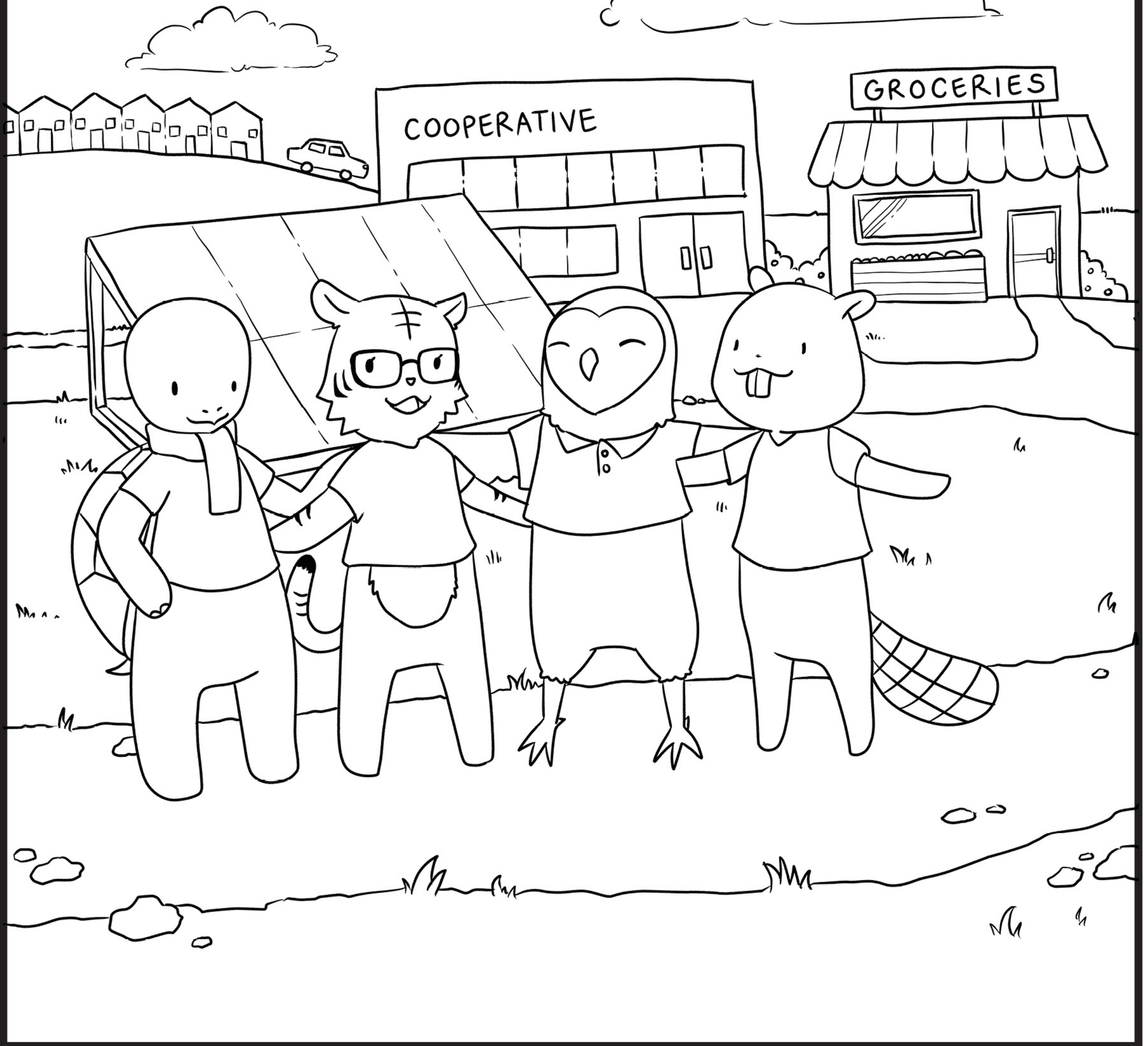
# COOPERATION AMONG COOPERATIVES



Co-ops share and learn from other co-ops. They help each other out when needed because co-ops want other co-ops to be successful!



# CONCERN FOR COMMUNITY



All co-ops work for the greater good of the local communities they serve. Co-ops give back to their communities to make sure they thrive and grow.