

Game: Guess the Principle

One of the members of the credit union has a large amount of money on deposit and is very influential in the community. They believe they should have more votes than those members who have little on deposit. What principle applies here and why?

Principle 2

The city government has noticed that the cooperative is making a positive difference in people's lives. They want to be a part of making decisions for the future of the coop and have requested to have a seat on the board. Which principle does this challenge?

Principle 4

A social justice group approached the cooperative for support to help them deliver an awareness program on a just economy. What principle would guide the board to support this initiative?

Principle 5

The board of your cooperative has come to the GA with a surplus (profit) for the first time. Members are expecting they will take the money to spend on a big party. The board however has proposed they build their reserves and not have a party. What principle is in play here?

Principle 3

Someone in your city wants your cooperative to support a local youth group to build a safe play area in your community. What principle does this relate to?

Principle 7

A nearby cooperative seems to be growing very quickly. Upon investigating you see that they have made an agreement with the local agricultural coop to provide financial services to the coop and their members. What principle was involved?

Principle 6

Someone in your city wants to join the housing coop but you know they support a different political party than you. You try to advocate for them not joining. What principle is being challenged here?

Principle 1

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