

Joining and Leaving

RR Joining Procedure - First Steps

Welcome

Welcome to the Radical Routes Joining Procedure. If your co-op is considering joining Radical Routes, you will need in addition to this Joining Procedure sheet, a copy of *The Members' Pack* and *The Application To Join Form*.

You can get copies of these documents from the Radical Routes Co-op Support Group' (CSG), whose job it is to help you through the Joining Procedure.

Purpose

The joining procedure has three main aims:

- 1) To make sure your co-op understands how Radical Routes (RR) works, and is aware of all the commitments that go with RR membership.
- 2) To give existing members of RR the opportunity to get to know your co-op.
- 3) To enable your co-op to demonstrate its commitment to RR before joining.

Gatherings

- 1) To show your commitment, your co-op is asked to send at least one representative to at least three **consecutive** RR Gatherings (they take place every three months). You can join at the third of these Gatherings.
- 2) If your co-op misses a Gathering, you will have to start the sequence of three consecutive Gatherings all over again, unless there is an exceptional reason.
- 3) At each Gathering (except the one where you intend to join RR), your co-op should attend the 'Meeting for Prospective Member Co-ops', held at each Gathering. At this

meeting, you will be able to talk to someone from the CSG about the Joining Procedure and how it is going. This is when you can ask for a '**New Co-op visit**', an essential part of the Joining Procedure (see overleaf).

- 4) To receive notice of where the next Gathering is, you can pay a Service Charge of £7 per quarter to RR. This is advisable, but not compulsory. (All Member Co-ops pay a Service Charge to fund the basic administration of RR.) Find the address for where to send your service payment on the members area of the website.

Workshops

- 1) At each Gathering, there are four workshops for prospective members:
 - i) Introduction to Radical Routes
 - ii) Introduction to RR Finance
 - iii) Facilitation
 - iv) Consensus-building

These workshops are designed to give you the information and skills needed to be effective and constructive members of Radical Routes.

- 2) By the time you join, each workshop should have been attended by at least one of your members. The more of you who go to these workshops, the better.
- 3) At each Gathering, there are two Business Meetings. By the time you join, at least one of your members should have attended at least one Business Meeting.

Your representative will be asked to sign the register as it is passed around the Business Meeting.

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