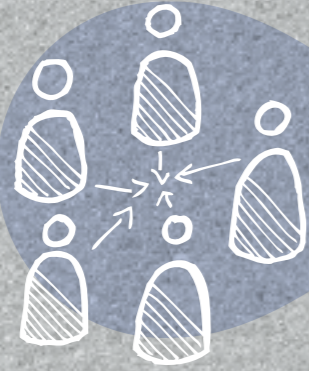


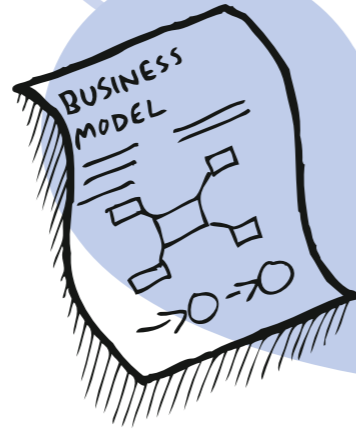
Gather founders

Pull together a group of people with shared needs or goals



Work out a business model

Agree what services the co-op will provide to you, and how you will contribute to the costs of providing them and overheads. Agree membership criteria.



Annual fee?

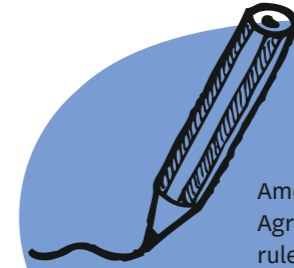
Per-charge usage?

% Topslice?

Complete registration forms and send with signed copy of Rules and registration fee to Registering Body, who will submit to FCA Mutuals section

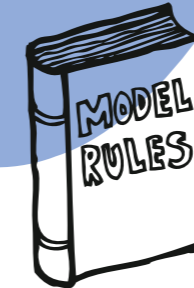


Amend if necessary. Agree to adopt model rules and 3 members sign.



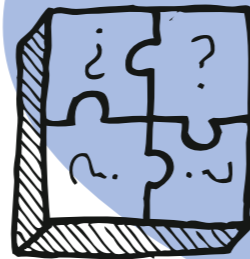
Co-operative society

Contact registering body (e.g. co-operatives UK), or co-operative development body and obtain model rules



²Could also use company or CIC form for a consortium. Some legal forms provide a better 'fit' depending on what you aim to do and how many members you will have.

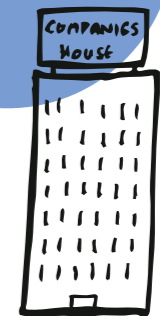
Decide an appropriate legal structure¹



LLP²

Write or adopt an appropriate partnership agreement. Agree to adopt partnership agreement and all members sign it.

Complete registration forms and submit with partnership agreement and registration fee to companies house



¹You will probably need professional support. Be prepared to pay for it. It's an investment.



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