



We obtain a building to live in with room to open a space for community groups

The members' rents pay for the running costs and creates a surplus

We use the surplus to support community groups

## YOU IN?

Support the project today by taking a minute to answer our short online form to show lenders there's interest in the project, or make a donation!

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## WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?



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## A summary of our aims and values

### **TIME TO LOOK AFTER EACH OTHER**

Mara Co-op encourages a culture of radical care. We live under a draining capitalist system that prioritises profit over people. Mara Co-op fights that imbalance by insisting on time freely spent with each other: gardening, crafting, communal cooking and eating, artistic expression, learning, and sharing knowledge and resources. This could be a book club, a repair workshop, a community gardening project, a tool library... and so on.

### **INTERDEPENDENCE: NOT INDEPENDENCE OR DEPENDENCE**

The fantasy of owning your own home is increasingly far off for most people, with the only other option being living in an exploitative tenant/landlord relationship. At Mara Co-op members will be their own landlords - rejecting the extractivism of private landlordism and using rent to support the community rather than enriching an individual. Housing will be affordable and controlled by the people who live in it.

### **FUNDING THE COMMUNITY**

Mara Co-op's running costs (bills, mortgage, tax etc.) will be paid by the members' rents. As debts are paid off, we'll produce an increasingly large surplus. That surplus will be reinvested into the co-operative and local communities. We'll invest in assets, training and resources that support the grassroots in Aberdeen, and eventually be in a position to give grants.

### **OUR BELIEFS**

We celebrate the many ways of being human: anyone can make a valuable contribution. We oppose economic growth at the cost of our life systems, and we promote circular economies. We are anti-capitalist: access to food, shelter, health, and leisure should not be dependent on wealth. Instead, we are mutualist: not for profit, and none of the co-op's money goes into a member's pocket. We are non-hierarchical and encourage active participation in and shared responsibility for the community space. We oppose the oppression of animals - fellow victims of a hostile economic system.

- SUPPORT MARA CO-OP BUT DON'T HAVE TIME TO FILL OUT AN ONLINE
- FORM? WRITE SOMETHING HERE AND GIVE IT TO A MEMBER OR LEAVE IT AT
- ABERDEEN SOCIAL CENTRE.

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