

COOPERATION TOWN

Dear manager

I am a member of Cooperation Town, a non-profit organisation supporting neighbours to organise a network of community food co-ops across London and the UK.

In these hard times of rising interest rates, rents, fuel and food prices, people in our communities are having to make hard choices. With this in mind, we set up food co-ops on local streets and estates, in order to distribute affordable items to our neighbours.

We are asking local businesses to support our food cooperative in the following ways:

- Donating good quality surplus produce you are not intending to sell
- Donating items nearing their 'best by', 'use by' or 'sell by' dates
- Offering your local community food co-op a discount for items bought in bulk
- Sharing your wholesale contacts with the food co-op for direct purchasing
- Displaying a poster inviting residents to join the food co-op in your shop

Please note: Cooperation Town community food co-ops buy food in bulk from wholesale suppliers and from local shops and top it up with supermarkets and producers' surplus through national charities. Our co-ops are small (20 households max) and usually have a turnover of around £100 a week. They are not a competition for local shops, but work in partnership with them.

We thank you in advance for supporting our community.

Best regards,

Cooperation Town members