



thehive.

Building better
co-operative businesses

CO-OPERATIVE
alternatives

thehive, a new co-operative support programme in collaboration with Co-operative Alternatives, offers support and advice to people wanting to start or grow co-operative and community enterprises in Northern Ireland.

It is now time to apply
for **free group advice!**
Watch a video
on group advice [here](#)

What you need to do next?

1.step Choose which **FREE** workshop would be more beneficial to you

The Co-operative Option workshop

OR

The start-up workshop

A one-day development workshop for small groups of people considering starting up a business. It will help:

- determine whether the co-operative option is right for them;
- establish what further work they would need to do before registering as a co-operative.

A one-day development workshop for people setting up a co-op or community business to:

- assess the viability of their business proposition;
- identify what actions they need to take to get started as an incorporated and trading co-operative.

2.step Read the **Assessment Criteria** online [here](#) before applying. You may need to have certain information and documents to hand which will form the basis of our assessment.

3.step Complete the application form online [here](#) by the 13th June 2016.

4.step thehive will let you know whether or not your application was successful by the 30th June and Co-operative Alternatives, your local provider, will get in touch with you.



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