# Workplace Culture and Employee Well-being in Co-ops Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

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| **Category** | Cooperative Societies | **Duration** | 10 Days |
| **Base Fee** | $3,000 USD | **Delivery Mode** | Online / On-site Hybrid |

## Course Introduction

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## Programme Curriculum

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**Course Objectives**

1. Understand the principles of inclusive workplace culture in cooperatives.
2. Identify key drivers of employee well-being and mental health.
3. Promote psychological safety and emotional intelligence among team members.
4. Implement stress management and burnout prevention strategies.
5. Enhance employee engagement through cooperative values and participation.
6. Create and sustain equity-focused wellness programs in co-op environments.
7. Utilize data to track employee satisfaction, morale, and productivity.
8. Apply change management strategies for culture transformation.
9. Address toxic work behaviors and improve team cohesion.
10. Promote work-life balance through flexible cooperative policies.
11. Integrate diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) best practices.
12. Design actionable well-being frameworks using global trends.
13. Align organizational policies with mental wellness and productivity outcomes.

**Target Audiences**

1. HR managers in co-ops
2. Co-op board members
3. Team leaders and department heads
4. Cooperative founders and executives
5. Organizational psychologists and coaches
6. DEI specialists working in cooperative environments
7. Union leaders in cooperative industries
8. Social enterprise trainers and consultants

**Course Duration:** 10 days

**Course Modules**

**Module 1: Introduction to Workplace Culture in Co-ops**

- Definition and importance of workplace culture
- Unique cultural elements of cooperative businesses
- How culture impacts productivity and morale
- Common workplace culture challenges
- Co-op principles that shape workplace dynamics
- **Case Study:** The Mondragon Corporation’s values-driven culture

**Module 2: Foundations of Employee Well-being**

- Defining employee well-being in a co-op setting
- Physical, emotional, and mental wellness dimensions
- The role of leadership in supporting wellness
- Understanding employee needs via surveys
- Aligning well-being with co-op mission
- **Case Study:** Health and wellness programs at REI Co-op

**Module 3: Psychological Safety and Emotional Intelligence**

- What is psychological safety?
- Impact of emotional intelligence on teams
- Building trust through transparent communication
- Managing feedback and open dialogue
- Training leaders on empathy and awareness
- **Case Study:** Google's Project Aristotle and its applications in co-ops

**Module 4: Employee Engagement and Retention**

- Why engagement matters in co-ops
- Measuring employee engagement effectively
- Gamifying participation and decision-making
- Incentives and growth opportunities
- Exit interviews and what they reveal
- **Case Study:** Engagement tools used in Suma Wholefoods Co-op

**Module 5: DEI Strategies in Cooperative Workspaces**

- Understanding DEI in co-op principles
- Conducting equity audits
- Inclusive hiring and onboarding
- Addressing bias in communication
- Empowering underrepresented voices
- **Case Study:** Equal Exchange's DEI transformation journey

**Module 6: Managing Burnout and Stress**

- Identifying stress indicators in teams
- Impact of chronic stress on performance
- Designing stress-reduction programs
- Time-off policies and their enforcement
- Encouraging peer-support systems
- **Case Study:** Burnout recovery programs at Co-op UK

**Module 7: Building Resilient Work Environments**

- Defining workplace resilience
- Organizational adaptability in crisis
- Crisis communication strategies
- Empowering teams to be self-reliant
- Tools for collective problem-solving
- **Case Study:** The resilience journey of a disaster-affected farmer co-op

**Module 8: Leadership for Positive Culture**

- Transformational vs transactional leadership
- Coaching and mentoring approaches
- Leadership communication styles
- Influence of leaders on workplace tone
- Accountability and servant leadership
- **Case Study:** Leadership practices at ACE Hardware Co-op

**Module 9: Inclusive Communication Practices**

- The impact of language and tone in communication
- Conflict resolution through active listening

- Adapting messages for diverse audiences
- Feedback loops and communication audits
- Using tech tools for inclusive messaging
- **Case Study:** Internal communications strategy at Co-operators Canada

**Module 10: Mental Health First Aid and Support Systems**

- Basics of mental health first aid
- Creating peer support teams
- Policies for mental health leave
- Partnerships with mental health services
- Creating stigma-free zones
- **Case Study:** Mental health intervention at Park Slope Food Co-op

**Module 11: Performance, Recognition, and Motivation**

- Tying recognition to cooperative values
- Designing performance appraisals that inspire
- Celebrating milestones collectively
- Peer-based recognition models
- Motivation through shared ownership
- **Case Study:** Recognition programs at CHOICE Mutual Co-op

**Module 12: Work-Life Balance and Flexibility**

- Defining work-life balance in modern co-ops
- Benefits of hybrid and flexible schedules
- Managing boundaries in remote settings
- Supporting parents and caregivers
- Tech tools that support work-life integration
- **Case Study:** Patagonia’s approach to work-life policies

**Module 13: Policy Review and Culture Alignment**

- Aligning HR policies with cooperative values
- Anti-harassment and grievance redressal
- Transparent policy creation process
- Cultural assessments and reviews
- Legal and ethical compliance
- **Case Study:** Policy evolution at Blue Scorcher Bakery Co-op

**Module 14: Measuring Culture and Well-being Impact**

- KPIs for culture and well-being
- Data collection and analysis methods
- Reporting dashboards for leadership
- Benchmarking against other co-ops
- Continuous improvement frameworks
- **Case Study:** Culture tracking at The Co-operators Group

**Module 15: Action Planning and Roadmap Development**

- Creating a culture change action plan
- Stakeholder engagement strategies
- Phased implementation timelines
- Budgeting for well-being initiatives

- Feedback and iteration cycles
- **Case Study:** Full-circle implementation at Outlandish Co-op

**Training Methodology**

- Interactive workshops with breakout sessions
- Expert-led webinars and real-time Q&A
- Group case study discussions and roleplays
- Downloadable resources, toolkits, and policy templates
- Assessment quizzes and reflective journaling
- Final action plan presentation by participants

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***Certification***

*Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.*

***Tailor-Made Course***

*We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.*

**Key Notes**

**a.** The participant must be conversant with English.

**b.** Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

**c.** Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

**d.** The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

**e.** One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

**f.** Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

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| Start Date | End Date | Location | Price |
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| **23 Nov 2026** | 04 Dec 2026 | Online | $2,000 |
| **23 Nov 2026** | 04 Dec 2026 | Physical | $3,000 |
| **23 Nov 2026** | 04 Dec 2026 | Physical | $6,000 |
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| Start Date | End Date | Location | Price |
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| **23 Nov 2026** | 04 Dec 2026 | Physical | $12,000 |
| **23 Nov 2026** | 04 Dec 2026 | Physical | $9,000 |
| **23 Nov 2026** | 04 Dec 2026 | Physical | $12,000 |
| **23 Nov 2026** | 04 Dec 2026 | Physical | $12,000 |

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