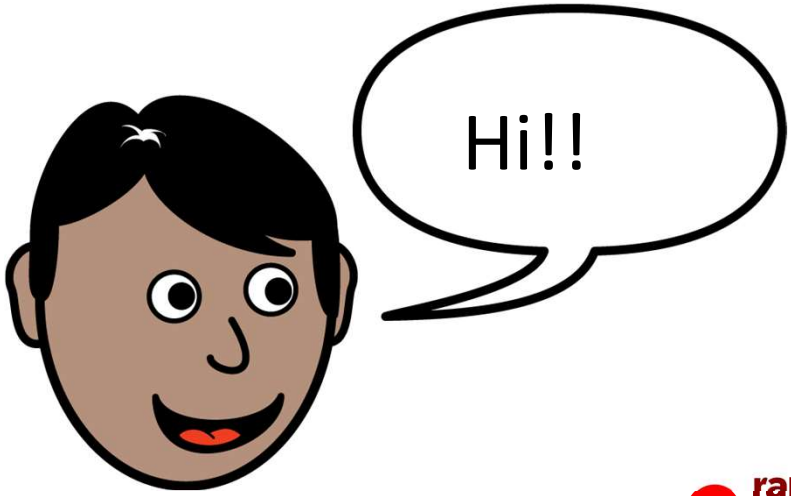
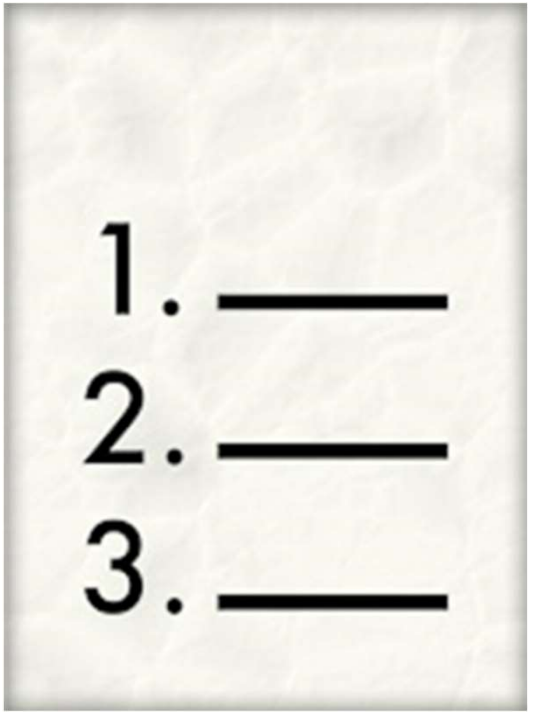
Northern Region Co-Operative: Foundation Group Meeting Workshop #1



What We Will Do Today

- Find Out About Co-ops, Enterprise & Disability
- Share Personal Experiences About NDIS
- Discuss The Future Work Of The Foundation Group



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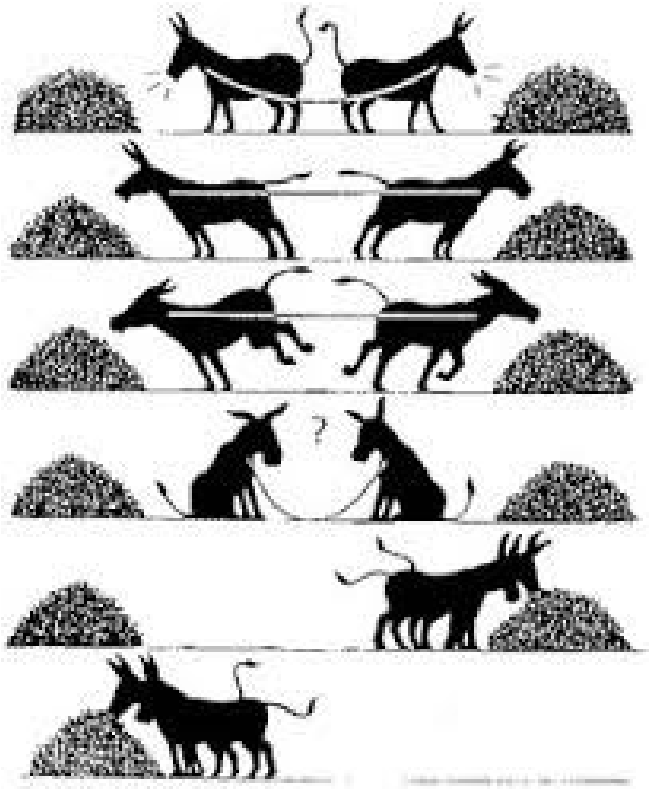
What Is A Co-operative?



SEVEN COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES
Education
Training & Information
Concern for the Community
Member Economic Participation
AUTONOMY & INDEPENDENCE
COOPERATION
Among Cooperatives
Voluntary Open Membership
Democratic
MEMBER Control

Three Co-operative Objectives

TEAM FOSTERING
Putting Children's Futures First

CO-OPERATIVE & COMMUNITY FINANCE
the lender for social purpose

CASA
CARE AND SHARE ASSOCIATES

What Makes A Successful Business?

Success Factors

- A Good Idea Or Product; Effective and well researched business idea generation and development
- A Market identified by thorough market research
- Dynamic marketing
- Solves A Problem
- Appropriately skilled & trained workforce
- Tight financial control
- The right financial & other resources
- Location
- Entrepreneurial flair
- Timing

People

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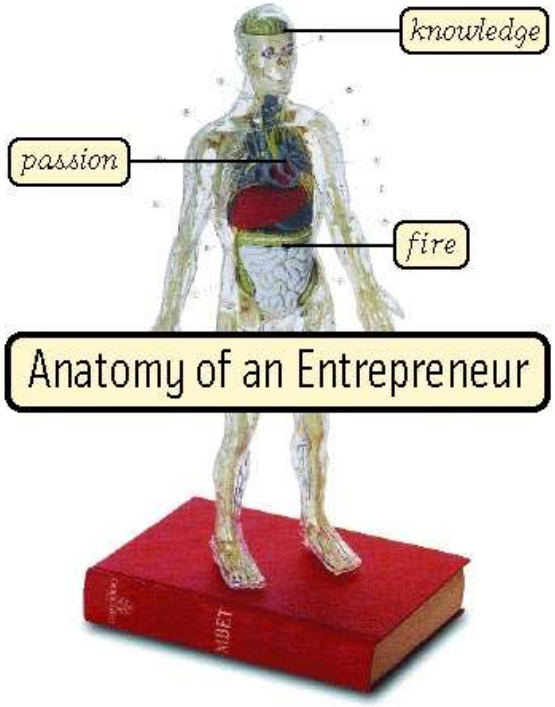
People!



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The Entrepreneur: 10 Personality Traits

- Passionate Vision, Determination & Focus
- Taking responsibility
- Creative Thinker
- Opportunity spotting
- OK with change
- Managing networks/relationships
- Motivation
- Managing risk
- Making things happen
- Keep your head screwed on

Stubborness & Determination: Working It Over & Over

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Dog With A Bone

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Thick Skin & Resiliance

Outsider

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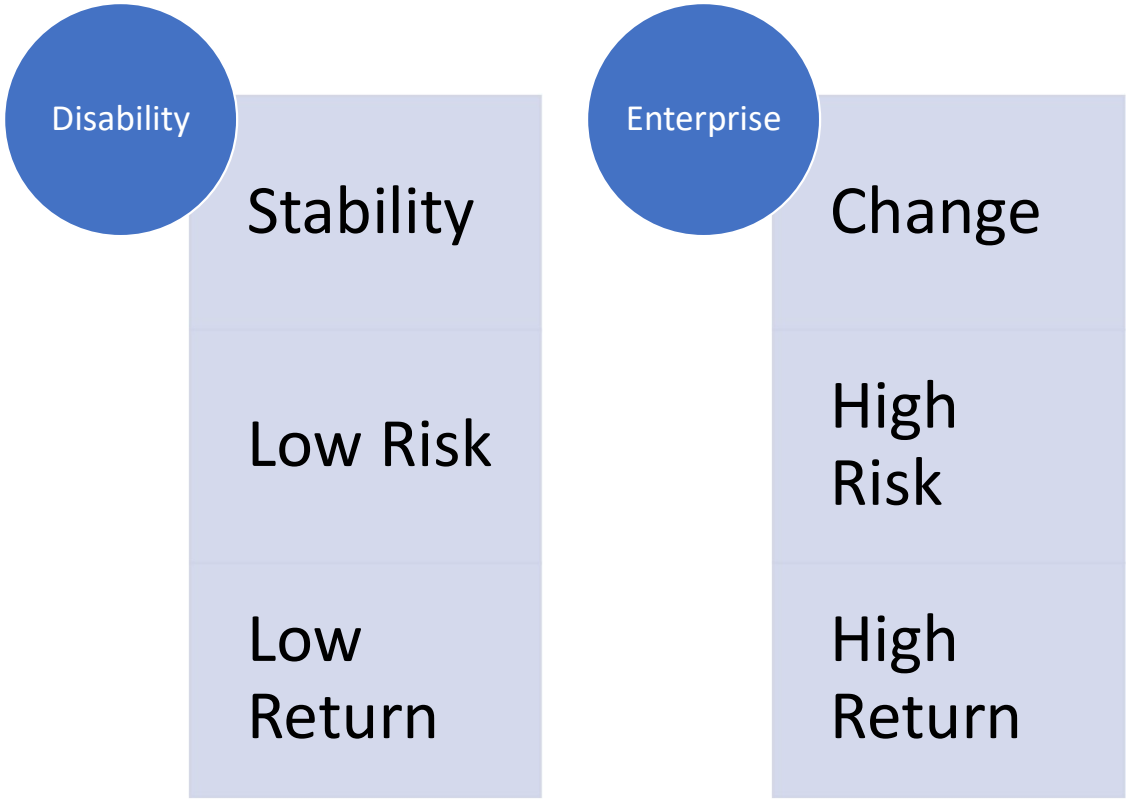
Ingenuity

When Two Worlds Collide



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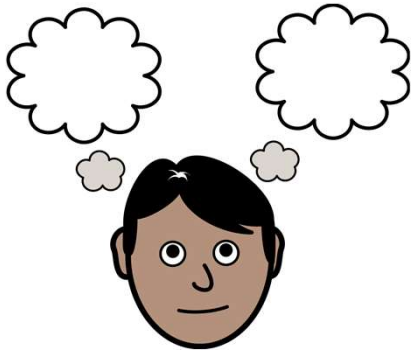
What Problems Do We Want To Solve



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Four Questions

- Goods Things About NDIS
- Bad Things About NDIS
- How has life changed since the introduction of NDIS – has life got better, worse, ‘different’, no change
- What changes could make NDIS Better

A ‘Teaser Document’ For Prospective Co-op Members

- Name & Brand
- What Problems Are We Addressing
- How Will We Solve The Problems
- Who Owns The Co-operative – Who Can Be A Member
- Who Controls The Co-operative
- Business Plan & Year 1 Financials
- Member Benefits
- Name & Brand

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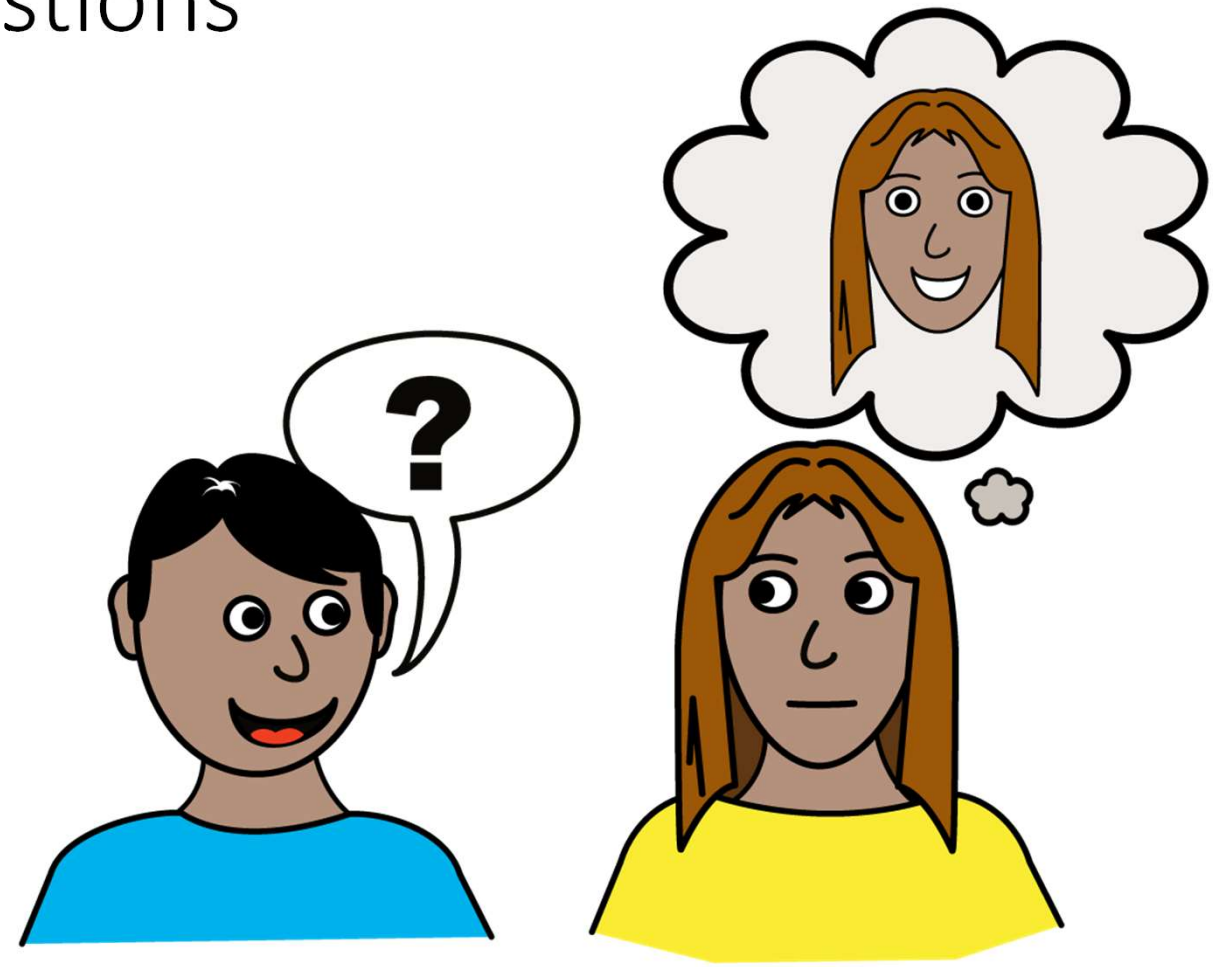
Any Questions



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