SHOPPING FOR SUSTAINABLE GIFTS

Checklist

Major meetings may include commemorative gifts to participants. Try to find items that are useful, manufactured of sustainable materials, and have minimal packaging.

At The Co-operators, meeting planners also place special emphasis on goods from Canadian co-operatives.

The following is a list of things to look for when sourcing gifts that are sustainably made:

- ☐ The product is made of recyclable and/or re-purposed materials
- ☐ The product is ethically sourced or fair trade (takes into account social and environmental responsibility)
- ☐ The product is certified organic or made of organic material
- ☐ The product is biodegradable
- ☐ The purchase of the product supports a worthy cause (a charity, non-profit organization, or co-operative)
- ☐ The product can be recycled
- ☐ The product is locally made or shipped in high density shipping with minimal packaging
- ☐ The footprint associated with the manufacture and transportation of the product is offset
- ☐ For clothing etc. where there are size and colour considerations, participants were encouraged to make selection in advance to reduce excess stock and waste