

Policy for Supporter Subscriptions and Membership of the FairShares Association



Supporters – 2016/17

A FairShares supporter is a person who pays a regular monthly or annual subscription to support our work.

Supporter status is available to all. Benefits include:

- Invitation to the FairShares [Community Forum](#)
- Free use of shared [FairShares Diagnostics](#)
- 20% discount on private copies of FairShares Diagnostics, events and courses
- A more permissive Creative Commons Licence for FairShares IP
- Editing rights on the [FairShares Wiki](#) (on request)

SUBSCRIBE NOW

Free Supporter	awarded to supporters who registered before 1 st April 2014	
Individual Supporter	is now available at £24 / annum	£120 lifetime subscription
SME Supporter¹	is now available at £96 / annum	£480 lifetime subscription
Social Enterprise Supporter²	is now available at £96 / annum	£480 lifetime subscription
Corporate Supporter	is available for £192 / annum	£960 lifetime subscription
University Supporter	is available for £192 / annum	£960 lifetime subscription

Membership Policy – 2016/17

A FairShares member is a person actively participating in the creation, dissemination, usage and evaluation of FairShares IP where their contribution has (or will) last for more than 12 months.

Membership is available to anyone making:

“A substantial and lasting contribution to the promotion, development or administration of the FairShares Model and/or FairShares Association”

- Founder, Labour and User Member status cannot be purchased. Investor Member status will be agreed in the future and is not currently available.
- Each application should describe the applicant’s [qualifying contribution](#) which will be peer-reviewed by one or more founders and one or more Labour and User members.³
- The panel will accept into membership any person or organisation convincing one founder member and one other member that they meet the qualifying criteria.

Automatic qualification for User/Labour Membership

- Holders of a social licence agreement with Social Enterprise Europe (SEE) who have negotiated a clause on the dissemination / use of the FairShares Model will be automatically accepted as a **User Member**.
- Any SEE social licensee who translates/adapts FairShares Model rules, Wiki Pages, Diagnostics or other Web-hosted content to another language will be *eligible* to apply for **Labour Member** status of the association.

¹ The [EU’s definition of an SME](#) is used to determine SME status.

² Evidence of membership of your national / regional co-operative or social enterprise body is required to qualify. Alternatively, provide evidence of your Co-operative Marque, .coop domain and/or Social Enterprise Mark.

³ A Google Form for this purpose has been created by fairshares.coop@gmail.com to facilitate peer-review. You can access the application at the end of this document. A copy of your responses will be e-mailed to you and the review panel when you submit it.

- The founder members of a FairShares Enterprise (registered using a FairShares Association constitution) will be automatically accepted as **User Members**.
- The members of a FairShares Enterprise who lodge their rules as ‘model rules’ with the FairShares Association for others to adapt and use will be automatically accepted as **Labour Members**.

What is a qualifying contribution?

Below are examples of a “**substantial and lasting contribution to the promotion, development or administration of the FairShares Model and/or FairShares Association**” that have been recognised so far.

Examples of substantial and lasting contributions accepted in previous applications.

- Creating / designing / testing FairShares auditing / diagnostic tools.
- Co-authoring guidance on the development or use of the FairShares Model.
- The creation and co-design of the FairShares Brand (values and principles).
- Co-authoring an academic paper about the FairShares Model.
- Embedding FairShares IP in teaching activities, course assessments and/or research projects/activities.
- The creation of model rules that influenced the creation and development of the FairShares Model.
- Advocacy work in support of the FairShares Model.
- The creation of standard operating procedures for running the FairShares Association.
- Maintenance of FairShares supporter records.
- Creation of volunteer / supporter / membership agreements for the FairShares Association.
- The creation of, or contributions to the creation of, model FairShares Articles of Association.
- The creation of, or contributions to, the FairShares Wiki.
- The creation of, or co-production / use of FairShares Diagnostics.
- The creation and co-design of the FairShares Logo.
- The creation of data models / system designs for running a FairShares Enterprise or the FairShares Association.

Summary – Labour Membership

The contribution of a **research-informed concept, idea, policy or paper** by a supporter that is accepted by peer-review as a “substantial and lasting contribution to the development of the FairShares Model” by a panel of FairShares Association members.

OR

The **creation of a resource or standard operating procedure** by a supporter that is accepted by peer-review as a “substantial and lasting contribution to the promotion or administration of the FairShares Model and/or FairShares Association” by a panel of FairShares Association members.

Summary – User Membership

A contractual or written agreement in which a supporter makes a **lasting commitment to disseminate and/or use** concepts, ideas, policies, resources and operating procedures informed by **the FairShares Model**.

OR

Other evidence of a commitment to use FairShares IP in learning, teaching, consulting and/or research activities for a period greater than 12 months.

If, having read this, you would like to apply for membership, click the ‘Apply Now’ button.

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