

# Policy for Supporter Subscriptions and Membership of the FairShares Association



## Supporters

(Applies from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019)

*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:

- Access to the FairShares [Community Forum](#)
- A licence and support for [FairShares Diagnostics and Social Audit Tools](#)
- Commercial reuse of 'NC' Creative Commons FairShares IP
- Editing rights on the [FairShares Wiki](#) (on request)
- Discounted certificates for [FairShares Institute Courses](#)

**SUBSCRIBE NOW**

<b>Free Supporter</b>	awarded to supporters who registered before 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2014
<b>Individual Supporter</b>	is now available at £30 / annum
<b>SME Supporter<sup>1</sup></b>	is now available at £120 / annum
<b>Social Enterprise Supporter<sup>2</sup></b>	is now available at £120 / annum
<b>Corporate Supporter</b>	is available for £495 / annum
<b>University Supporter</b>	is available for £495 / annum

## Membership Policy

(Applies from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2018)

*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.<sup>3</sup>
- 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 International (SEI) who have negotiated a clause on the dissemination/use of the FairShares Model will be automatically accepted as a [User Member](#).

<sup>1</sup> The [EU's definition of an SME](#) is used to determine SME status.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> A Google Form for this purpose has been created by [fairshares.coop@gmail.com](mailto: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.

- Tutors embedding FairShares IP in training/degree courses, and people who translates/adapts FairShares Model rules, Wiki Pages, Diagnostics to another language will be *eligible* to apply for **Labour Membership**.
- The founder members of a FairShares Enterprise (registered using a FairShares Association model constitution) will be automatically accepted as **User Members**.
- Trainers in FairShares Labs, and members of a FairShares Enterprise who lodge their rules with us as ‘model rules’ 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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