

BVSC Membership



Barnet Voluntary Service Council is open for full membership to all voluntary and community organisations

- based and/or operating in the Borough of Barnet;
- engaged in social welfare, health, equality, environmental, educational, training, cultural, social, recreational or religious activities, serving minority ethnic and/or other special needs groups;
- operated as not-for-profit organisations and not engaged in party political activities;
- with charitable status or constituted as an unincorporated association, social enterprise, sports club (or otherwise constituted with publicly documented aims and objectives);
- supportive of BVSC's aims and objectives

Individual membership and associate membership for other organisations (statutory agencies, local businesses) is also available. If this applies to you, please contact us.

Membership offers you

- individual **advice** and support in **organisational development** (setting up an organisation, legal structures, constitutions, charitable status), **fundraising** and **financial management**;
- **priority while booking for training** courses and events at the lowest possible cost
- access to our **networks**, facilitating collaboration and information exchange, across the health and social care, the children's and young people's and other sectors
- **representation** in many local partnerships, especially with the council and the PCT, as well as the North London sub region
- **voting rights** during our annual general meetings
- an **information service**, including regular paper and electronic newsletters and briefings and our Community Library
- access to our **Volunteer Service**

2008 Membership Rates

Membership is for 12 months from joining. **Payment is due when full membership is granted.**

Full Membership *(for voluntary or community organisation)*

Organisations with an annual income of	Cost
Up to £5,000	£ 15
Between £5,000 - £50,000	£ 30
Between £50,000 - £350,000	£ 60
Over £350,000	£ 95

How to Join

Please complete the attached form and submit it with the relevant supporting documents to the BVSC office. **Do not send payment now.**

Membership applications are considered by the Board of Trustees, at its regular meetings. In the interim, you will receive **provisional membership**. Where an organisation does not fulfil all

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membership criteria, this provisional membership may be extended while BVSC works with you to become ready for full membership.

Payment is only due once full membership has been confirmed.

Supporting documents

With your application form, please send us the following –

- your **Constitution**, Memorandum and Articles of Association or other governing document
- your last **annual report** (or equivalent activities report; these should include an up-to-date list of your trustees or management committee members)
- your last **annual accounts** (or equivalent financial statement; if you are a new organisation, details of your confirmed or projected income and budget)
- minutes of your last **AGM** (if applicable)
- your **Equal Opportunities Policy**
- your **Child Protection** or **Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy** (if applicable)

If you do not have all of these documents, or have any questions about them, **please contact Sandra** our **Development Officer**, on 020 8364 8400 ext 210 for further information.

Termination of Membership

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to withdraw membership from any organisation failing to meet BVSC's membership criteria or acting in a way likely to damage the reputation of BVSC. Any member faced with removal will have the right to have their case heard by a representative panel convened for this purpose by the Board of Trustees. Any decision made by this panel will be final.

Please return your form to -

Membership Coordinator

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email: membershipcoordinator@barnetvsc.org.uk

If you need any help in completing the form, or if you require a **large print copy**, please contact us.

Data Protection

BVSC is registered under the Data Protection Act 1998.

We will

- use the information given on the attached form to check your organisation's eligibility for membership of BVSC;
- hold your contact details on Barnet Connecting Communities (BVSC Database) to ensure that you receive all BVSC mailings (we record information about your organisation to build as accurate as possible a picture of the voluntary and community sector in Barnet);
- may make it available to be shared with statutory authorities, funders and other voluntary organisations that may wish to be put in touch with our members.

If you have any queries about the way we make use of your data, please do not hesitate in contacting our Membership Coordinator on 020 8364 8400 ext 203. In compliance with the Data Protection Act 1998, please ensure that you **tick the relevant boxes on the application form**.