

# Disability Resource Centre Limited

## Membership Scheme

Disability Resource Centre

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## 1. **Membership Categories**

Membership is open to :-

- **Individuals**
- Individuals aged 16 years or over (the DRC's constitution does require that a minimum of 60% of our membership are disabled people)
- **Groups and Organisations**
- Any group or organisation that is run by a minimum of 60% of individuals with a disability.

Further details about Membership are set out in our Memorandum and Articles of Association. (Copy available on request from the Birmingham Disability Resource Centre).

## 2. **What does being a Member mean?**

Being both a registered Charity and a Company Limited by Guarantee, the DRC is duty bound to promote a membership scheme and attract members to the organisation.

Individuals who have been members for 6 months or more would also be eligible for election onto the Board of Directors either through being co-opted or by formal election at the Annual General Meeting.

## 3. **Membership Benefits**

The opportunity to contribute to the democratic accountability of the DRC

The opportunity to nominate candidates for election to the Board

The opportunity to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting

The opportunity to become more involved in the running of the DRC's services, through participation at Service User Group Meetings.

Free Newsletters.

Access to the DRC Website.

Discounts on room hire including meeting rooms and conference facilities

Discounts on DRC training packages and events

Discounts on DRC business services

Access to the DRC's Resources Library

#### 4. **Rules & Conditions of Membership**

Members must be prepared to abide by the DRC Policy Statement.  
(Copy attached)

All membership fees must be paid annually by the due date, otherwise membership may be terminated.

All membership details will remain private and confidential in line with data protection requirements.

#### 5. **Membership Subscriptions**

- ***Individuals***

- At present the DRC does not charge for individual membership. However, if an individual would like to make a donation towards the cost of the DRC undertaking its work, cheques should be made payable to 'Disability Resource Centre '.

- ***Groups and Organisations***

Criteria	Annual Subscription
Groups & Organisations with income of less than £25,000 in the last financial year	£5
Groups & Organisations with income of between £25,000 and £100,000 in the last financial year	£10
Groups & Organisations with income with income of between from £100,000 to £200,000 in the last financial year	£20
Groups & Organisations with income of £200,000 and over in the last financial year	£25

## **6. Membership Application**

Please complete the attached application form and return it, together with your cheque to :-

Louise Simmons  
Chief Executive & Company Secretary  
Disability Resource Centre  
Floor 11, Edgbaston House  
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## **7. Additional Information**

If you should require further help or assistance or you would like the membership pack and application form in another format such as:

- Another language
- Large print
- Braille
- Audio Tape
- Floppy Disk

Please contact the DRC (details given in the above section)

## Membership Application

Surname:..... First Name:.....

Preferred Title (e.g. Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms etc) .....

Address:.....

.....Postcode .....

Home Tel No:..... Work Tel No:.....

Fax No..... Email: .....

Do you consider yourself to have a disability?                      Yes                      No

Category of Membership applied for?                      Individual                      Group/Organisation

If Group/Organisation, please provide the name of the Group/Organisation and the address (if different from above)

Name .....

Address .....

Income last financial year ?    Under 25k    £25-£100k    £100-£200k    £200k +

I/we agree to become a member of DRC and abide by the rules and decisions taken by the organisation

Signed ..... Date .....

Please return to: Louise Simmons, Chief Executive & Company Secretary at the DRC.

This information will be kept and used for membership purposes.

If you DO NOT wish to be kept informed of other areas of DRC's work, please tick here