

MEMBER ORGANISATION APPLICATION PACK

About Fairshare Educational Foundation Membership

FairPensions is a coalition of organisations campaigning to convince the UK’s largest investors to create and enforce responsible investment (RI) policies that reflect the concerns of their members. Membership of FairPensions is open to any UK based national, local or regional organisation that is approved by a majority of FairPensions members. Membership is most relevant to NGOs, trade unions and other civil society groups. FairPensions is the campaigning name for the Fairshare Educational Foundation.

Membership benefits

There are two classes of members: full members and affiliate members.

Both **full** and **affiliate** members can:

- **Shape campaign priorities:** FairPensions will enable members to effectively influence the UK’s largest investors to improve business practice and to make the governance of pension funds increasingly transparent and democratic. Several priority issues will be given profile in our communications and lobbying efforts each year. This offers members a way to pressure target companies and raise public awareness about their concerns. As a member you will receive copies of our regular newsletters.
- **Attend Member Meetings:** In addition to the Annual General Meeting which has decision-making powers, FairPensions may from time to time call other “Members Meetings” to seek members’ views to inform campaign planning.

Full members collectively have control over FairPensions. Their main powers are to:

- **Nominate directors:** the majority of directors will be elected at the annual general meeting.
- **Vote to elect directors:** member organisations will have the sole voting rights in electing directors.

Membership fees

Membership fees vary according the turnover of the organisational member. The membership fees for 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 are:

	Annual turnover	Membership fee
Full members	Less than £10 million	£1,000
	£10 million or more	£2,000
Affiliate members	Less than £100,000	£100
	£100,000 or more	£200

Joining FairPensions

If your organisation wishes to join it should:

- Agree to become a member and name an authorised representative by filling in this form;
- Gain approval from FairPensions' Board of Directors (generally a formality);
- Pay its annual fees and;
- Agree to publicise FairPensions to its individual members/supporters.

Membership will be terminated if a member:

- Gives written notice of resignation to FairPensions;
- Is six months in arrears in paying its fees (but in such a case the member may be reinstated on payment of the amount due) or;
- Is removed from membership by resolution of the Directors on the ground that the member's continued membership is harmful to FairPensions. This would only happen after notifying the member in writing and considering their response.

Fairshare Educational Foundation Membership Agreement

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On behalf of (name of organisation), I affirm that we wish to join the Fairshare Educational Foundation as a full / affiliate (**delete as appropriate**) member. We will support the campaign and its objects to the best of our ability.

We enclose a cheque for £..... membership fee / Please invoice us for our membership fee (**delete as appropriate**). The invoice should cite reference or order number (insert as required) and be sent to our authorised representative / the following address (**delete as appropriate**).

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Authorised Representative

..... is authorised to be our principal representative. His or her contact details are:

Position in Organisation.....

Email: Phone:

Signed	Date
Name	Position

Chief Executive: Catherine Howarth | Chair of Trustees: Jeremy Nicholls
Trustees: Stuart Bell | Sam Clarke | David Davies | Stephen Hine | Jenine Langrish | Jennifer Morgan | Tim Valentine
| Paul Watchman

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