

Application for Membership



About Aberdeen Cyrenians

Aberdeen Cyrenians has spent over 50 years providing a range of support and care services to vulnerable people and those in crisis. Starting life as a soup kitchen organised by Aberdeen University students, today it provides support and assistance to rough sleepers, those needing to flee unsafe home environments, couch surfers with no permanent address, people who find it difficult to maintain their tenancy due to mental health or addiction issues, ex-prisoners with nowhere to go, those in a time of crisis that find themselves vulnerable and at risk of losing their home and those that want to remain independent and need support to stay within their home. The organisation is known as a pioneer in homelessness, complex care and support needs services and mental health support. From opening the first 'wet' hostel, allowing residents to drink safely while engaging with services to tackle underlying need, a model now used globally, and opening the first women's hostel in Aberdeen; to leading on the new pathfinder project, implementing the Scottish Government's Housing First policy recognising that to assist those with multiple and complex needs, the first step is a secure and ongoing tenancy that can be retained, whilst also providing wrap around support. Organisational growth and innovation continues, recently winning commissioned services as a key partner of an innovative third sector led consortium for Care at Home. Our philosophy is built on the Cyrenian Movement; organisations that reach out a helping hand to those that stumble in life, helping them to get back on their feet. While we are a secular organisation, we are named after Simon of Cyrene famed for helping Jesus as he stumbled carrying his cross. We support people of all faiths, and those of none. As a local independent charity, we work in partnership with a wide range of local organisations and collaborate with other similar organisations in a national forum. For a full and up to date overview of the services that we provide, please visit: www.aberdeen-cyrenians.org

About our Structure

We are constituted as a membership organisation and our work is overseen by our Trustees who are also Directors of Aberdeen Cyrenians Ltd., our not-for-profit company. They are responsible for:

- Planning the strategic direction of the organisation
- Receiving and approving operational plans from the organisations Leadership Team
- Initiating and/or authorising organisational policies
- Approving and monitoring financial investments and budgets
- Determining guidelines and decisions for new projects.

About Membership

By becoming a member of Aberdeen Cyrenians, you are formally expressing support for the organisation and our work. You may be concerned about the injustices within our society or with the plight of those who find themselves homeless, at risk of homelessness or with multiple complex needs and need our help.

Membership does not imply that you have to play an active part within the organisation. However, there are a range of ways in which you can be active, with varying levels of commitment, should you wish. You could become a volunteer in various roles, become a regular giver or help with fundraising. Members may also be elected to our Board of Directors.

As a member you will:

- receive regular updates on the work of Aberdeen Cyrenians
- be invited to our Annual General Meetings, to hear about the work of the organisation over the last year
- play a key role in our governance and in line with our constitution; you will be able to vote on matters put forward
- for approval at our annual general meetings.

The liability of each member for the work of the charity is capped at £1. Simply put, this means that if the charity is ever 'wound up' for whatever reason, our members agree to contribute £1 to support the winding up process.

Our members also agree that they will apply their best endeavours to supporting the work of the charity. This means agreeing that you won't do anything to bring the charity into disrepute.

As a member you will:

So you've decided that you want to become a member? Great!

All you need to do is complete this Application Form on Page 3 and return it to:

membership@weareAC.org. In line with our constitution, your application will be presented to our Board of Directors for review at our next scheduled Board Meeting.

In the meantime, we thank you for the interest that you have shown in supporting the work of Aberdeen Cyrenians

Membership Application

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YOUR ADDRESS:

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YOUR POSTCODE:

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PHONE NUMBER:

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EMAIL ADDRESS:

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Please indicate if there are any other ways in which you would like to be involved e.g. fundraising, volunteering, regular giving.

It's important that we are able to keep in touch with members in order to keep them informed about the work of the organisation. Please indicate how you wish us to keep in touch with you:

- It's fine to send me regular emails with updates on the work of the organisation
- Please only email me with statutory notifications (invites to AGM's etc)

YOUR SIGNATURE:

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DATE:

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DIRECTOR NAME:

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DATE OF BOARD MEETING:

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Approved on behalf of the Board of Directors of Aberdeen Cyrenians Limited

DIRECTOR SIGNATURE:

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"We believe that if you give a bed to someone in need of a home, a meal to someone who is hungry or shelter and warmth to someone who is cold, then their problems will be only resolved in the short-term.

However, if we give someone who has not had a fair chance in life time to express their problems and give them understanding, caring advice, new opportunities and life and work skills, then they will have a real chance to lay foundations which will enable them to contribute positively to society in the long term."

We are Aberdeen Cyrenians.