

## Becoming a PPEF Member

Membership of a charity can bring real benefits both to the work of the charity and for society more generally. When a charity's members are active in shaping the agenda and objectives of their charity, the trustee body is refreshed and its accountability to its members is improved.

An effectively run membership charity is only possible when members use their voting rights in the best interests of the charity and where the trustee body and governance structure allow for proper management of the membership. This includes recognising that the charity's membership structure may need to change as the charity develops and grows.

Membership is a common governance model in the Charity sector and its popularity looks likely to continue. The Charity Commission estimates that approximately 80,000 charities have a membership structure.

Their research indicated that charities with members overwhelmingly saw the role of their membership as a positive one, with 84% of charities with individual members and 81% with corporate members stating that their members made a useful contribution to the running of the charity.

Individual members were valued more for their participatory role and their diversity of opinion. The findings of the Charity Commission show that membership charities receive wide-ranging benefits from their members, and these benefits include:

- enhancing the trustee board's transparency and accountability;
- providing a greater appreciation of the needs of beneficiaries;
- improving a charity's influence within the charity sector, giving weight to an advocacy role;
- providing fundraising opportunities; and
- providing a consistent source of trustees.

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# Application for PPEF Membership



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I hereby apply to become a Member of The Private Physiotherapy Educational Foundation.

**Full Name: (Block capitals please)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Physio First Membership No:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If you wish to become a member / retain your membership, please send your completed membership form to:**

**The Treasurer, PPEF, Cedar House, The Bell Plantation, Watling Street, Towcester, NN12 6GX**

There is currently no membership subscription for the PPEF but the Trustees reserve the right to re-establish a subscription should it become necessary to do so.