

Membership



Why should I become a member of ANCHO?

Becoming a member of ANCHO enables you to have an input to our activities and to find out more about what we do and how we spend money.

We are committed to promoting wide membership. This ensures that there is an active pool of people who have expressed an interest in our work and enhances our accountability to the communities within which we operate.

Membership is open to anyone who expresses an interest in and is able to promote the work of ANCHO. There are two categories of member – individual and group. Any individual, including tenants, owner occupiers or any adult member of their household may apply for membership. No person under the age of 18 years may become a member, unless that person is a tenant of one of our houses.

What would be involved for me if I became a member?

Becoming a member entitles you to attend ANCHO's Annual General Meeting (AGM). At this meeting, you will:

- Receive the Chairperson's report for the previous year;
- Receive the accounts, balance sheet and auditor's report for the previous year;
- Vote to elect Management Board Members;
- Consider any other general business of ANCHO;
- Have an opportunity to ask questions of Management Board Members.

How can I become a member?

Application forms are available on request from our office. You must pay £1 to hold a share in ANCHO. The Management Board, who have the absolute right to decide whether or not to accept any application, considers all applications. If you are accepted, you will be included in the Register of Shareholders, and be issued with a Share Certificate and a copy of our Rules.

Can I become a member of the Management Board?

As a Member of ANCHO, you will be invited to nominate yourself or other Members to become an ANCHO Board Member each year in the run-up to our AGM. There are other opportunities to participate in our work between AGM's too – sometimes there are vacancies on the Management Board which can be filled by either appointing interested Members or by co-opting non-Members who might also be interested. Co-optees serve only until the next AGM. If you are interested you can find out more on our Management Board Membership leaflet.

Individual Membership Application



Applicant Name:

Address:

Connection with association:

(e.g. tenant, local resident, other – please detail)

1. **Are you a member of staff of the association; former employee of the association; or related to an employee of the association?** Yes No

If yes, please detail:

2. **Are related to a North Ayrshire Council Elected Member; former Elected Member or employee?** Yes No

If yes, please detail:

3. **Are you a member of any other organisation or housing association?** Yes No

If yes, please detail:

Membership details

- Members will receive one share certificate in the Association and shall be registered in the Register of Members.
- Members will have voting rights and elect Board Members at the Annual General Meeting.
- Members must be over 18 years of age, or 16 years if a Tenant.
- Joint membership is not permissible. However, joint Tenants and other household members may apply individually.
- Staff and former members of staff within 1 year of leaving are not eligible for Membership.
- Members shall hold no more than one share in the Association.
- Any Member may withdraw from the Association by giving one months notice in writing.
- The Management Board have the absolute right to decide whether or not to accept applications. Decisions not to accept will be communicated in writing. Applicants can appeal against a decision not to accept their application via the Association's Complaints Procedure.

Declaration

I wish to apply for Membership of ANCHO, and I declare an interest in and a commitment to the work of the Association in line with its stated aims and objectives. I enclose payment of the Membership Fee of £1.00 in respect of Membership.

Signed: Date:

Completion of the undernoted section would be appreciated. It is not mandatory and will not affect your application. The information is required for statistical purposes only to monitor whether the Association Membership is representative of the communities we serve.

Ethnicity

White

- Scottish
- Other British
- Irish
- Gypsy/Traveller
- Polish
- any other white background

Mixed or multiple ethnic background

Asian, Asian Scottish or Asian British

- Indian
- Pakistani
- Bangladeshi
- Chinese
- any other Asian background

Black, Black Scottish or Black British

- Caribbean
- African
- Any other black background

Other ethnic background

- Arab, Arab Scottish or Arab British
- any other group

Age

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Employment

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Voluntary Work Experience

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Disability Do you consider yourself to have a disability? Yes No

Under the Equality Act 2010, a person has a disability if:

- they have a physical or mental impairment;
- the impairment has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on their ability to perform normal day-to-day activities.

For the purposes of the Act, these words have the following meanings:

- Substantial means more than minor or trivial.
- Long-term means that the effect of the impairment has lasted or is likely to last for at least twelve months (there are special rules covering recurring or fluctuating conditions).
- Normal day-to-day activities include everyday things like eating, washing, walking and going shopping

Questions

We're happy to help if you're unsure about what to do. Just call our Freephone number **03030 300 999**



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