

## WYLDA MEMBERSHIP

**WYLDA membership is open to third sector organisations and networks in West Yorkshire, and statutory partners.**

### Introduction

WYLDA is organised as a structured network of member organisations, with full and associate membership categories. WYLDA is steered and governed by its Executive members group, who are elected, co-opted or appointed on a yearly basis.

WYLDA's Terms of Reference provide further information on WYLDA's aims and operations. These are available from <http://www.wyllda.org.uk/documents/governance/>

### WYLDA membership - what's in it for you and what can you bring to WYLDA?

The role of sub-regional activity is an important link in the chain of infrastructure development. For example, your work at a district level can feed into WYLDA, which WYLDA can then feed into the regional or national picture via SubNet or the Regional Forum.

Your involvement brings benefits to your organisation and to WYLDA as a whole. Together WYLDA members can:

- Help influence sub-regional policy;
- Raise the profile and role of the third sector in West Yorkshire;
- Lobby on behalf of West Yorkshire third sector organisations;
- Advocate on behalf of your service users;
- Develop new or expand existing services;
- Build partnerships with other organisations and agencies;
- Share experiences and pool good practice;
- Access new funding;
- Prepare for the future sustainability of the third sector in West Yorkshire.

### Membership categories

**Full membership** is open to those organisations that meet the following criteria:

- They are Third Sector organisations.
- A significant proportion of your delivery is third sector infrastructure support in West Yorkshire.

**Associate membership** is open to those organisations that meet the following criteria:

- They are either Third Sector organisations or statutory partners.
- They do not meet the full membership criteria.

### Membership rights and benefits

All WYLDA members have the following rights and benefits:

1. To be invited to at least 2 General meetings a year (of which one is the AGM), with opportunities for discussion and networking with other WYLDA members.
2. To attend Executive meetings as an observer either on request or by invitation.
3. To get involved in Working Groups for WYLDA.
4. To be part of a communication network for Third Sector infrastructure organisations across West Yorkshire, currently via the WYLDA members Yahoo E-group.
5. To have your organisation listed on WYLDA's website at [http://www.wyllda.org.uk/who\\_is\\_wyllda/](http://www.wyllda.org.uk/who_is_wyllda/), with a link to your webpage.

In addition, full members have the following rights and benefits.

6. To vote before or during the AGM, in order to elect the 5 members to the WYLDA Executive from organisations to serve for the coming year.

7. To be eligible to join the WYLDA Executive Group, either through election, co-option or appointment as appropriate.

### **Membership term**

The membership term is 3 years from the date of approval of membership.

### **Membership fee**

There is **no** membership fee for WYLDA membership.

### **How to apply for WYLDA membership**

1. Please download, complete, print and sign the WYLDA membership form from <http://www.wylda.org.uk/documents/governance/>
2. Submit your completed membership form to the address provided on the form, together with governing documents and Equal Opportunities policy (of the organisation or the accountable body).
3. WYLDA may request further information about your organisation in order to make an informed decision on your membership application.
4. The WYLDA Governance Sub-group will review your application and make a recommendation to the WYLDA Executive group for approval or refusal of membership and the category of membership.
5. WYLDA will inform you of the decision on membership. Member organisations will be issued with a membership certificate to display.

### **PLEASE NOTE: District Infrastructure Consortia.**

WYLDA supports a District Infrastructure Consortium in each of the 5 districts in West Yorkshire:

- Bradford ISO Group
- Calderdale Infrastructure Partnership
- Kirklees LINK
- Leeds Infrastructure Consortium
- Wakefield Infrastructure Partnership

The district infrastructure consortia are all locally managed and steered by their own membership. All 5 consortia collaborate with WYLDA to develop third sector infrastructure in West Yorkshire, as well as delivering on their own local work plans.

If you are interested in membership of a district infrastructure consortium *RATHER THAN* WYLDA membership, you should contact the relevant consortium co-ordinator:

Bradford: [http://www.wylda.org.uk/bradford/contact\\_us/](http://www.wylda.org.uk/bradford/contact_us/)  
Calderdale: [http://www.wylda.org.uk/calderdale/contact\\_us/](http://www.wylda.org.uk/calderdale/contact_us/)  
Kirklees: [http://www.wylda.org.uk/kirklees/contact\\_us/](http://www.wylda.org.uk/kirklees/contact_us/)  
Leeds: [http://www.wylda.org.uk/leeds/contact\\_us/](http://www.wylda.org.uk/leeds/contact_us/) or <http://www.leeds-ic.org.uk/>  
Wakefield: [http://www.wylda.org.uk/wakefield/contact\\_us/](http://www.wylda.org.uk/wakefield/contact_us/)

If you are interested in membership of a district infrastructure consortium *AS WELL AS* WYLDA membership, you can express your interest on the WYLDA application form.

### **PLEASE NOTE: Regional Infrastructure Consortium**

The Regional Infrastructure Consortium (RIC) is for Third Sector Infrastructure Organisations that operate in 3+ sub-regions of Yorkshire and the Humber. The RIC co-ordinates its activity with WYLDA and the 3 other sub-regional infrastructure consortia in Yorkshire and the Humber through a group called SubNet.

If you are interested in membership of the RIC *RATHER THAN OR AS WELL AS* WYLDA membership, you should contact the consortium co-ordinator, Ruth Beattie at the Regional Forum on 0113 394 2300 or email [ruth.beattie@regionalforum.org.uk](mailto:ruth.beattie@regionalforum.org.uk)