

Membership January 2011

Social Firms Wales is the Welsh arm of Social Firms UK the National Support Agency for Social Firm development. It is committed to the creation of employment opportunities for disadvantaged people through the development and support of Social Firms in Wales.

What is a Social Firm?

A Social Firm is a business committed to creating employment and training opportunities for people who are furthest from the labour market. It is one form of Social Enterprise, and subscribes to the three values of Enterprise, Employment and Empowerment.

Combining commercial orientation with a social mission, Social Firms offer a supportive work place for people who are traditionally discriminated against in terms of gaining employment, such as disabled people, people with mental health problems, ex-offenders or people recovering from substance misuse.

They are not segregated workplaces - Ideally, around 25-50% of the workforce will have some recognised disability or disadvantage, but it will be an environment of mixed ability, reflective of the society we live in. They are also real commercial businesses, aiming to generate at least 50% of their income through trading, with as little possible dependency on government or grant subsidy.

A Social Firm should aim to empower individuals to be the best they can - to command equal pay, equal right and to progress and improve themselves, whatever their background.

Thank you for expressing an interest to take out membership with

Social Firms Wales

If you have any queries regarding your membership application, please contact

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2011 Membership Application Form

Organisation:		Parent Organisation: (if applicable)
Contact Name:		Position:
Address:		
Postcode:		Local Council:
Telephone:		Mobile:
		Date:
Email:		
Website Address	www.	
Please tick one statement	I am developing a Social Firm	<input type="checkbox"/>
	I already run a Social Firm	<input type="checkbox"/>
	I am interested in Social Firm development	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Individual	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other (please specify):	
Membership benefits	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support, advice and guidance to support set up and develop a Social Firm <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Feasibility Studies b. Business Planning c. Externalisation Expertise d. Legal Structures e. Partnership Planning f. Separation Mechanisms g. Workshop Facilitation h. Financial / Investment Guidance 2. Automatic membership to Social Firms UK 3. Automatic membership to the Welsh Social Enterprise Coalition 4. Access for Full Members to the UK-wide employment law helpline (free of charge), for as long as it is available. 5. Access to member rates on all tools and resources produced by Social Firms UK 6. Membership discount at annual conference/other events held by Social Firms UK 7. Policy representation and lobbying for the sector within the National Assembly for Wales and the Welsh Assembly Government 8. Policy representation and lobbying for the sector within central government departments that have not devolved responsibility to the nations (e.g. DWP) 	

- 9. Inclusion and promotion of products and services for Full Member and mapped Social Firms/emerging Social Firms on:
 - a. **Social Firms Wales on-line Trading Directory**
 - b. Inclusion and promotion of products and services of Full Members and mapped Social Firms/emerging Social Firms on the national online trade directory operated by **Social Firms UK**
- 10. Usage of the 'We are a Social Firm' strapline that's been created for those holding the Social Enterprise Mark within Wales/Scotland
- 11. Monthly e-bulletin with news relevant to all members across the UK

Fee & Payment Methods	Jan-Dec 2011 £45	July-Dec 2011 £30
	Jan 2011 – Dec 2012 £80	

Please tick your preferred method of payment

Enclose a cheque made payable to: Social Firms Wales	<input type="checkbox"/>
Payment by Bank Transfer to: Bank Account Name: Social Firms Wales Limited Account No: 87116898 Sort Code: 51 81 29	<input type="checkbox"/>
Please invoice me at the above address Or different address details:	<input type="checkbox"/>

Choice to Opt Out
Please tick this box if you do **NOT** want your organisation name mentioned in any publicity generated by:

1. Social Firms Wales	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Social Firms UK	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Welsh Social Enterprise Coalition	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please note your membership will only be activated on receipt of payment. The fee amount is not subject to V.A.T.

Submitting your application for membership	Email: andrewreed@socialfirmswales.co.uk
	Post: Social Firms Wales, PO Box 85, Porthcawl, CF36 9BP

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