

SOCIAL FIRMS WALES MEMBERSHIP

Social Firms Wales is a National Support Agency for people facing employability challenges in the open job market. It is committed to working with people to create a business, whether that is providing employment for others or being self-employed whilst also encompassing their three core values of Enterprise, Employment and Empowerment.

## What are Social Firm Principles?

Social Firm principles are mainly adopted by social enterprises which create a job, or jobs, work-based training, and volunteering opportunities for people who face significant challenges when seeking and retaining employment whether a sole trader/self-employed, partnership, company, charity or CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation).

Social Firms Wales offers support and guidance for people who are traditionally discriminated against in terms of gaining employment, including:

* People from Ethnic minorities
* People from the LGBTQ+ communities
* People living with a Learning, physical, and sensory disability
* People managing mental health issues
* People leaving prison
* People with experience of homelessness
* People managing recovery of substance misuse

# Social Firms Wales offer 4 categories of Membership:

## Full Membership

* Open for anyone creating a business for people who have been traditionally discriminated against.
* Open for anyone becoming self-employed who have been traditionally discriminated against.

## Supported Business Membership

* Open for supported businesses where 50% or more of their workforce have a disability who have been traditionally discriminated against. (Source: [www.base-uk.org](file:///C:\Users\Owner\Desktop\www.base-uk.org))

## Associate Membership

* Open for those with an interest in Social Firm development.

## Public Sector Membership

* Open for Public Sector bodies with an interest in Social Firm development.

## Your support is needed to actively support and help grow the number of Social Firms in Wales

## There is no cost for membership - The value of our membership is not in the £’s but our members themselves

## Please complete application for membership and forward to:

## E-mail: [members@socialfirmswales.co.uk](mailto:members@socialfirmswales.co.uk)

## Post to: PO Box 85, Porthcawl, Mid Glamorgan, CF36 9BP

APPLICATION FORM

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| Organisation Name: |  | | |
| Contact Name: |  | | |
| Position within the organisation: |  | | |
| Address including Postcode: |  | | |
| Telephone Number: |  | | |
| Mobile Number: |  | | |
| Email Address: |  | | |
| Website: |  | | |
| Twitter: |  | | |
| Description of your business: e.g., café, recycling. |  | | |
| Year Organisation started trading: |  | | |
| Organisations Legal Structure | | Tick below as appropriate | Company and/or Charity registered number |
| Sole Trader – Self Employed | |  | N/A |
| Partnership | |  | N/A |
| Company Limited by Guarantee | |  |  |
| Company Limited by Shares | |  |  |
| CIC – Community Interest Company Limited by Guarantee | |  |  |
| CIC – Community Interest Company Limited by Shares | |  |  |
| Registered Charity | |  |  |
| CIO - Charitable Incorporated Organisation | |  |  |
| Local authority | |  |  |

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| My business supports: | Please tick all that apply to your application |
| People from Ethnic minorities |  |
| People from the LGBTQ+ communities |  |
| People living with a Learning, physical, and sensory disability |  |
| People managing mental health issues |  |
| People leaving prison |  |
| People with experience of homelessness |  |
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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

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|  | Full | Supported Business | Associate | Public Sector |
| Receive weekly news, funding, training and opportunities up-dates |  |  |  |  |
| Contribute to weekly news up-dates |  |  |  |  |
| Keep up-to-date with the social enterprise sector in Wales |  |  |  |  |
| Raise the awareness of cross-sector opportunities & benefits |  |  |  |  |
| Opportunities to promote and or work with social enterprises in Wales |  |  |  |  |
| Opportunities to include social enterprise in your supply chains & fulfil social value promises |  |  |  |  |
| Work in partnership/collaboration with Social Firms Wales |  |  |  |  |
| Policy representation and effective lobbying for the Social Firms sector with the Welsh Government |  |  |  |  |
| Raise the awareness of the principles & values of Social Firms & supported businesses |  |  |  |  |
| Support to develop your social enterprise |  |  |  |  |
| 1-2-1 mentoring |  |  |  |  |
| Use of a range of resources, according to your individual need |  |  |  |  |
| Entry in our on-line directory of Social Firms in Wales |  |  |  |  |
| A network of experienced Social Firms to share experiences, best practice, and showcase good examples. |  |  |  |  |
| Use of Social Firms Wales logo on your organisation’s literature |  |  |  |  |
| Consult with our members on issues encountered and support best option solutions. |  |  |  |  |
| Map the Social Firm sector in Wales to highlight progress, growth and barriers experienced |  |  |  |  |