

NORTH LANARKSHIRE FEDERATION (NLF) MEMBERSHIP GUIDANCE NOTES

What is this form for?

The North Lanarkshire Federation would like to warmly invite you to become a member of the Federation. This form tells you about the benefits of becoming a member and gives you all the information you need to decide whether you or your tenant's and resident's group want to become a member or not. If you decide to become a member (and we hope that you do!) then please complete the application form and send it back to us. If you have any questions then please contact Phil Arnold, Development Officer, on 01236 435844.

What is the North Lanarkshire Federation (NLF)?

NLF is an organisation that is made up of tenant and resident organisations in North Lanarkshire. NLF is run by an Executive Committee of twelve representatives from tenant's and resident's associations from different areas in North Lanarkshire. Committee members are all volunteers who offer their time freely and who have been democratically elected. The aims of the Federation are:

1. To assist and set up tenants & residents associations in North Lanarkshire
2. To unify, assist and co-ordinate efforts of associations to help achieve common aims
3. To work in partnership with service providers, to develop services, negotiate rights, safeguard and promote the interests of tenants and residents, and to represent the tenants' and residents' interests collectively with regard to housing and related services, environment and communities;
4. To uphold equal opportunities and work for good relations among all members of the community.
5. To encourage community participation, spirit and enterprise in all areas relating to members interests.
6. To publish and exchange information, and keep tenants and residents fully informed of decisions of such authorities and of the Federation as far as practicable.
7. To campaign for a rational and secure system of funding for the tenants and residents movement in North Lanarkshire and co-operate with other organisations to help achieve this.

What are the benefits of becoming a NLF member?

There are many benefits of becoming a member. It can be very rewarding to become part of a larger movement that is successful in influencing services in our communities. By becoming a member you will be helping local communities have a stronger voice in making positive changes.

Individuals that become members can get more information about improvements in housing & related services, attend NLF consultation events & general meetings and become more involved in the work of the Federation if they wish. If a tenant and resident association becomes a member with NLF then they will get the above benefits plus be able to vote at General Meetings and AGMs, and can stand for election onto the Executive Committee.

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What types of membership are there?

There are two types of membership. Both categories of membership are free of charge.

Individual Membership.

Individuals that agree to the aims of NLF can become a member when there is **not** an active tenant's and resident's association for their area. Where two or more individual members come from the same area then NLF will encourage those individuals to form a tenant's and resident's organisation for that area. Individuals do not get voting rights at (Annual) General Meetings and cannot stand for election onto the Executive Committee but they can become involved in work on behalf of the Federation.

Membership for tenant's and resident's associations.

Any tenant and resident association in North Lanarkshire (registered or not) can apply to become a member of the Federation. Applications will get accepted from tenants and residents organisations that:

- operate within North Lanarkshire,
- promotes the interests of tenants and/or residents
- are democratically formed
- upholds equal opportunities and prohibits discrimination on any grounds
- agree to the aims of NLF

Member associations get voting rights at (Annual) General Meetings.

Who cannot apply?

Under the constitution membership is not currently not available to community councils, area committees, landlords, elected members of NLC (Councillors), and service providers other than tenant and resident associations.

What happens if you decide not to become a member?

NLF is dedicated to assisting both tenant & resident groups in North Lanarkshire and individuals. If do not want to become a member we will still offer you the same high level of support. However becoming a member with NLF shows your support for the Federation, which in turn helps communities and individuals such as yourself to have a stronger voice. If you are not eligible for membership under the current NLF constitution.

What do you do if you want to become a member?

It is very simple to become a member. All you need to do is complete the application form and send it back to the secretary. The address is written clearly on the bottom of the application form.

If you are not sure about anything in the application form then please do contact Phil Arnold, Development Officer on 01236 435844.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE FEDERATION (NLF) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

NLF Membership Application Form

Please complete all the relevant sections of the application form and send it back to the Federation's secretary at the address on the bottom of the page.

Section 1: About you.

Are you:

- applying as an individual? **one box**
 (complete sections 2 and 3)
- applying as a tenant and resident organisation? (complete sections 2 and 4)

Section 2: Aims of the Federation.

- To assist and set up tenants & residents associations in North Lanarkshire
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- To encourage community participation, spirit and enterprise in all areas relating to members interests.
- To publish and exchange information, and keep tenants and residents fully informed of decisions of such authorities and of the Federation as far as practicable.
- To campaign for a rational and secure system of funding for the tenants and residents movement in North Lanarkshire and co-operate with other organisations to help achieve this.

Do you agree to the aims of the Federation?

one box

- Yes
- No

please turn over

Please complete the form and send it to:

Secretary,
North Lanarkshire Federation
Unit 66, Fountain Business Park,
Coatbridge
ML5 3AA

Want more info? call:

Phil Arnold, Development
Officer, on 01236 435844

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Section 3: complete **ONLY** if you are applying for individual membership

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Tel No: _____

Email: _____

Please sign below to confirm that you have read the guidance notes and confirm that you are not an Elected Councillor for North Lanarkshire Council or a Landlord.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Section 4: complete **ONLY** if you are applying as a tenant and resident organisation

Organisation: _____

Main Contact: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Tel No: _____

Email: _____

Please provide the the signatures of TWO office bearers on your committee.

Name: _____

Position: _____

Signature: _____

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