



Membership Categories

The Cumbria Social Enterprise Partnership (CSEP) has 4 types of membership categories:

- **Full Member**
- **Associate Member**
- **Affiliate Member**
- **SE Member**

FULL MEMBER

For organisations who fully meet the SEUK definition of a Social Enterprise.

Membership Requirements

To meet the requirements for full membership you must (if asked to do so) provide satisfactory evidence to the CSEP Steering Group that you/your organisation:

- Is a social enterprise operating in Cumbria.
- Adheres to the SEUK definition of a social enterprise.
- Is a Company Limited by Guarantee or Shares*; a Community Interest Company Limited by Guarantee or Shares*; a Registered Charity; Cooperative or Community Benefit Society, or Trust.
- Is actively trading.
- Has governing documents that demonstrate an “asset lock” as appropriate.
- Agrees to abide by the CSEP Members’ Code of Conduct.

*If the structure is “Limited by Shares” the shares should also be asset locked and no dividends should be payable to individuals.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Open to incorporated organisations who operate to provide social benefit or return but do not fully comply with the SEUK definition of a Social Enterprise.

Membership Requirements

To meet the requirements for associate membership you must (if asked to do so) provide satisfactory evidence to the CSEP Steering Group that you/your organisation:

- Is incorporated and operating as a social enterprise.
- Complies with most elements of the requirements of the SEUK definition of a Social Enterprise.
- Has a clear, written statement of social or environmental benefit included in the governing documents.
- A fully code compliant social enterprise with a registered office outside Cumbria, delivering services within Cumbria.
- Agrees to abide by the CSEP Members’ Code of Conduct.

CUMBRIA SOCIAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP



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AFFILIATE MEMBER

Open to organisations who may be new or potential social enterprises or unincorporated voluntary organisations and operate to provide social benefit or return.

Membership Requirements

To meet the requirements for affiliate membership you must (if asked to do so) provide satisfactory evidence to the CSEP Steering Group that you/your organisation:

- Has a governing document, such as a constitution or set of rules.
- Has a clear, written statement of purpose that demonstrates social or environmental benefit.
- Can provide an independent referee such as a funder or partner willing to support your application.
- Agrees to abide by the CSEP Members' Code of Conduct.

SE PARTNER

Social Enterprise partner membership is open to all organisations and individuals within colleges, schools, businesses, corporations, charities, community groups, local authorities etc. throughout the private and public sector, including independent individuals who wish to offer support for the growth and promotion of Social Enterprise in Cumbria.

Membership Requirements

- Although not obligatory for SE Partner membership, SE Partners are encouraged to declare how they are able to add and/or receive value by being a member of the network.
- Agrees to abide by the CSEP Members' Code of Practice.