



Benefits to Organisational Supporters of Scottish Environment LINK

Information Services

Parliamentary Monitoring: A weekly email covering issues of core relevance to Scotland's environmental sustainability. The service primarily alerts recipients to the environmentally relevant business coming up over the next week in the Scottish Parliament, and reviews recent action. Average provision over the year is 45/52 weeks.

LINK Newsletter: Covering news and views of the network. Supporters are entitled to up to six printed copies of each issue, and in consultation with the editor, to provide articles for inclusion. The newsletter is circulated widely to Members and Supporters, funders and key contacts within government and agencies.

LINK Publications: cover a wide range from commissioned reports to position papers. Up to 6 hard copies of each policy paper at the time of publication.

Networking and profile Opportunities

Scottish Environment Week: Organisational Supporters will receive two invitations to the Annual Reception usually held as part of LINK's Scottish Environment Week. Organisational Supporters will be invited to contribute to other Scottish Environment Week events as relevant, potentially helping to shape the events, contributing to any additional costs along with member bodies. If demand for showcasing projects is more than can be achieved during SEW itself, LINK staff can help facilitate organisation of topical events for Organisational Supporters and Members at other times.

Christmas Reception: Organisational Supporters will receive two invitations to the LINK reception in Edinburgh in December.

LINK Annual Congress: Organisational Supporters will receive one invitation to Congress including papers, participation in discussions and all catering.

Website: Organisational Supporters can be prominently acknowledged on the LINK website, with a link back to the organisation's website.

Training opportunities

Organisational Supporters are entitled to discounted places (at least 25%) on LINK's training courses.

LINK Meeting Room Perth

Organisational Supporters can use the meeting room at LINK HQ in Perth free of charge up to twice a year. Beyond this the room may be booked. The room caters comfortably for 16 people, has internet and telephone connections. Data projector, laptop, flipcharts and light refreshments are supplied.



LINK Organisational Supporters Terms and Conditions

1. The benefits LINK provided for Organisational Supporters are the same services which are provided to LINK Member Bodies. As such, these benefits/services are subject to periodic review and may be terminated subject to funding or staffing constraints at the discretion of the LINK Board. Organisational Supporters will be notified immediately of any changes and offered alternatives if these are available.
2. The Scottish Parliamentary Monitoring service is delivered by LINK staff. The content aims to be relevant to LINK members' interests, covering issues of core relevance to Scotland's environmental sustainability. If an Organisational Supporter has a particular interest this will be accommodated if possible. These services are provided by email. Organisational Supporters should ensure that the services are not circulated beyond their organisations.
3. Scottish Parliamentary Monitoring is normally provided weekly. The average provision over the year is 45 weeks out of 52. The interruptions are mainly due to parliamentary recess and to some extent to staff holidays though these will occur where possible during parliamentary recess.
4. The Organisational Supporter may deploy as desired invitations received for LINK receptions, trainings and other events within their organisation.
5. Helping to shape events in Scottish Environment Week or other Parliamentary events may incur additional costs towards catering, speakers etc. Organisational Supporter and participating members may expect to contribute towards some or all of these costs.
6. The Organisational Supporter will be cited (if so desired) as such on the LINK website, without any implication of blanket support for LINK policy positions and activities. The Organisational Supporter is welcome to cite its affiliation to LINK on its website or other materials, without implying LINK's support of its policy positions and activities.
7. Subscriptions are payable annually in advance of services received and will be invoiced thereafter at 12 month intervals. If the invoice is not paid within 30 days services may be withdrawn.
8. LINK reserves the right to terminate the relationship with an Organisational Supporter if there is reason to believe the conditions of affiliation are being misused, in which case a pro-rata proportion of the annual subscription will be refunded (if appropriate) at date of termination.



How to Apply

An organisation may apply to the LINK Board for affiliation as an Organisational Supporter via the application form on the website. Organisational Supporter status is open to any organisation whose aims are broadly compatible with LINK's and which do not preclude the pursuit of sustainable development and the protection of wildlife, landscape and the quiet enjoyment and appreciation of the countryside.

The applicant must not be eligible for membership of LINK. If the organisation is eligible, please see the guidance on becoming a member ([link to this](#)). Organisations that are otherwise eligible except that they are local as opposed to national in focus, may apply to be an Organisational Supporter.

The organisation should demonstrate on application that it broadly supports LINK's strategic objective of working towards a sustainable Scotland.

Applications for Organisational Supporter status will be assessed by the LINK Board. This process may be completed within 4 weeks but may take longer if clarifications are needed on significant points.

The annual cost for Organisational Supporters is a single tier charge of £1000.

Organisational Supporter of LINK is open to applications from September 2010.