



Benefits to Organisational Supporters of Scottish Environment LINK

Information Services

Parliamentary Monitoring: A weekly report, circulated by 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 (questions, motions, committee business), reviews recent action (including answers, reports), relevant Scottish Government press releases & consultations.

LINK Newsletter: Covering news and views of the ENGO sector in Scotland. Supporters can have printed or electronic versions. The newsletter is circulated widely to Members and Supporters, funders and key contacts within government and agencies.

Information from Organisational Supporters will be circulated routinely to relevant LINK groupings and to the network in general.

LINK Publications: cover a wide range from commissioned reports to position papers. Supporters will be notified by email at the time of publication and can request a printed copy.

Networking and profile Opportunities

Scottish Environment Week: Organisational Supporters will receive up to 4 invitations to the Annual Reception 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.

Christmas Reception: Organisational Supporters will receive up to 4 invitations to the LINK reception in Edinburgh in December.

LINK Annual Congress: Organisational Supporters will be invited to the Member's Annual Congress in November, an opportunity for mutual learning and discussion on subjects of topical interest.

Website: Organisational Supporters will be prominently acknowledged on the LINK website, with name, logo, a brief description, and link to their website. New Organisational Supporters will be reported in the LINK Newsletter and internal communications to members, and acknowledged in our Annual Report.

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 at cost. The room caters comfortably for 16 people, has internet and telephone connections. Data projector, laptop, speakerphone, flipcharts and light refreshments are supplied.



The Application Process

We welcome enquiries and applications from organisations which share LINK's vision of contributing to a more environmentally sustainable society in Scotland, whose aims are broadly compatible 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 on the website, or call LINK to discuss. Organisations that are otherwise eligible except that they are local as opposed to national in focus, may apply to be an Organisational Supporter. LINK is unable to accept applications from networks though their individual members are welcome to apply.

Applications for Organisational Supporter affiliation will be assessed by the LINK Board. This process should be completed within 4 weeks but may take longer if clarifications are needed on significant points. The organisation should demonstrate on application that it broadly supports LINK's strategic objective of working towards a sustainable Scotland.

The cost is tiered according to the organisation's income, as follows:

Income of Organisational Supporter	Annual cost to Supporter
Less than £250,000	£250
Less than £1 Million	£500
Less than £10 Million	£1,000
Greater than £10 Million	£2,000

Terms and Conditions

1. The benefits LINK provides for 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 changed or terminated subject to funding or staffing constraints at the discretion of the LINK Board. 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 is 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. The Monitoring service is provided by email. Organisational Supporters should ensure it is not circulated beyond their organisation.
3. Scottish Parliamentary Monitoring is normally provided weekly. The average provision over the year is 48 weeks out of 52, with interruptions due to staff holidays though these will occur where possible during parliamentary recess.
4. The Organisational Supporter may deploy invitations received for LINK events as desired within their organisation.
5. Helping to shape events in Scottish Environment Week may incur additional costs towards catering, speakers etc. Organisational Supporters and participating members may expect to contribute towards some or all of these costs.
6. LINK will be pleased to cite the Organisational Supporter on its website and in its annual report, with no implication of blanket support for LINK policy positions or activities. The Organisational Supporter is welcome to cite its financial support of LINK on its website or



other materials, without implying LINK's support of its 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 invoiced annually in advance of services received, and payments can be spread quarterly.

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.