



Birmingham PlayCare Network

Terms & Conditions of Membership

Membership to Birmingham PlayCare Network (BPCN) is open to individuals, groups, community organisations based locally, regionally or nationally who support BPCN's desire to voice the issues and concerns of the play sector; to share information, facilitate contact, offer support and share best practice in child centred play and playcare.

Our mission aims to support, sustain and promote high quality child centred play and our values support this mission. Membership is open to those that work directly or indirectly with children in out-of-school clubs and play settings. This may include individuals, voluntary groups & organisations, statutory bodies, out-of-school clubs, play settings, nurseries and childminders.

1. Membership Fees

Membership is open to organisations and individuals that support our work and advocate for the child's right to play.

There are 4 categories of membership:

Category Rating	Membership Category	Annual Membership Fee
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Play care (inc. Breakfast club; out of school club; holiday club), open accessNurseryChildminder	£25 (per setting)*
B	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Other play organisation (including training, support, networking, sessional)Community Organisation (national/regional/local)Interested Individual	£30
C	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Local Authority (Outside Birmingham)Statutory organisations	£50
D	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Private/CommercialProfessional association	£50

***Organisations wishing to apply for more than one membership will receive a 20% discount per registration.**

2. Joining BPCN

By becoming a member of BPCN you are agreeing with our mission statement and work.

3. Rights of Members

As a member of BPCN you are entitled to vote at Special General Meetings and Annual General Meetings.

4. Benefits of Membership

- Access to National Playday events.
- 10 highly successful resource packs per year designed to enhance play provision.
- Special mailings about conferences, events and activities of particular interest to the play sector.
- Networking opportunities.
- Access to projects including Play in Parks and other sector related projects.
- Regular updates on issues relevant to the sector.
- Access to BPCN's library of resources.

As well as.....

- 10 Swings & Roundabouts newsletters- updating members on news, conferences, award acknowledgements and developments in the Play Sector; as well as the chance to put forward good practices, stories, adverts in our newsletter.
- Access to play based workshops.
- Quality assurance support for clubs - access to our team of Quality Development Mentors who work hard with settings to raise quality and awareness of play.

5. Use of Membership

Organisational members shall assign an employee to be their main contact with BPCN membership. Use of your membership is restricted to a named representative of a setting/organisation; or an individual for personal use only. Membership to BPCN is approved by BPCN Management.

Membership commences on receipt of your certificate.

If you have any questions please contact Birmingham PlayCare Network on **0121 236 2917** or **bpcn@bpcn.org.uk**