

IfJ Membership Policy

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1) Introduction

Intermediaries for Justice (IfJ) is a registered charity seeking to establish a wide and active membership by recruiting individual members who:

- are working as intermediaries;
- are working in associated professions;
- have an interest in the work of the charity.

It is a requirement that all members are supportive of the <u>vision and aims of the charity</u>. For further information please see the IfJ constitution here.

Your membership fees support IfJ:

- to run successful campaigns to raise awareness of the role of intermediaries.
- to further develop resources to improve public awareness of the ways intermediaries work with vulnerable people in the justice system.
- by providing training:
 - in the form of CPD short courses relevant to practicing intermediaries and members of the wider justice system;
 - on the role of an Intermediary, to organisations within the justice system.
- to contribute to justice system planning and development by participating in forums, discussion groups and strategic development meetings.
- to conduct research which is relevant to the work of intermediaries and the needs of vulnerable people within the justice system.

There are four membership categories:

- UK Full membership
- UK Associate membership



- o International Full membership
- o International Associate membership

For further information please see below 'Membership categories, fees and benefits'.

2) Membership categories, fees and benefits

Please note:

- If J does not currently offer corporate membership.
- use of a personal email address is a requirement of all membership categories.
- application and acceptance of IfJ membership (all categories) is based on mutual trust.
- if any member deliberately supplies inaccurate information
 - o this will be considered a breach of trust;
 - the Membership Coordinator will liaise directly with the member and report to the Trustees, who may terminate IfJ membership with immediate effect.

UK Full membership (£80)

Open to all qualified intermediaries working within the UK, who have been trained and are registered by The Ministry of Justice / Triangle / Communicourt.

Benefits include:

- access to IfJ's online members' area where there is a growing library of articles, practical resources, research papers, case studies and references;
- WIDGITonline membership;
- access to IfJ's online discussion groups for support and discussion on current topics, via closed WhatsApp and Facebook groups;
- regular email updates on intermediary related topics and IfJ developments;
- access to IfJ's referral system for cases outside the jurisdiction of Registered Intermediaries;
- access to IfJ's rolling programme of CPD training programme and special interest groups;
- practical peer support from IfJ, as appropriate and on request to secretary@intermediary-for-justice.org, if difficult matters arise;
- discounted rates at Hilton hotels across the UK.



UK Associate membership (£45)

Open to anybody living within the UK who supports the <u>vision and aims of the charity</u> Intermediaries for Justice.

Benefits include:

- access to IfJ's online members' area where there is a growing library of articles, practical resources, research papers, case studies and references;
- regular email updates on intermediary related topics and IfJ developments;
- access to IfJ's rolling programme of CPD training programme and special interest groups (where application qualification criteria are met);
- discounted rates at Hilton hotels across the UK.

International Full membership (£60)

Open to all qualified intermediaries, based outside the UK, who have been trained and are registered by locally approved intermediary training bodies or the UK Ministry of Justice.

Benefits include:

- access to IfJ's online members' area where there is a growing library of articles, practical resources, research papers, case studies and references;
- WIDGITonline membership;
- access to IfJ's online discussion groups for support and discussion on current topics, via closed WhatsApp & Facebook groups;
- regular email updates on intermediary related topics and IfJ developments;
- access to IfJ's rolling programme of CPD training programme and special interest groups;
- discounted rates at Hilton hotels across the UK.

International Associate membership (£35)

Open to anybody based outside the UK, who supports the <u>vision and aims of the charity</u> Intermediaries for Justice.

Benefits:

- access to IfJ's online members' area where there is a growing library of articles, practical resources, research, case studies and references;
- regular email updates on intermediary related topics and IfJ developments;



- access to IfJ's rolling programme of CPD training programme and special interest groups (where application qualification criteria are met);
- discounted rates at Hilton hotels across the UK.

3) Membership application procedure

Please apply for membership online through IfJ's website https://www.intermediaries-for-justice.org/become-member

Your 12 month membership contract commences when

- your application is submitted and your payment is received or
- your expiring/expired membership contract is renewed/reactivated successfully.

Payment methods:

There are 2 payment options for paying/renewing and reactivating your membership:

- Annual Direct Debit (Stripe)
- One off Debit/credit card payment

Membership renewal:

- If you opt for Direct Debit payment, your annual membership will automatically renew.
- If you opt for a one-off payment, you will receive a renewal reminder 4 weeks before your membership expires and then weekly until it expires.
- Once your membership has expired there is a 1-week grace period.
- To renew your membership, log in to the Member's area and click the 'renew now' link at any point.