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Disability Action Membership

With over 150 member organisations Disability Action is the umbrella organisation for the disability sector in Northern Ireland.

Our aim is to have a strong and diverse membership that will help us to inform policy and strategy that address the issues that people with disabilities in Northern Ireland face.

Membership is central to Disability Action's work. Directors are nominated by our membership and member organisations have voting rights at Disability Action's Annual General Meetings.

Membership of Disability Action will give organisations access to not only a wide range of expertise and support through our direct services but also through the opportunities to network with other member organisations.

If you have any questions about becoming a member please contact us.

Membership Services

The following services are available to members only:

- **Free subscription to the D-Brief** – a policy-focused newsletter relating to disability. This publication will be published at least six times a year.
- **Development Support** – every organisation can access eight hours of development support per year. This could include help with fundraising, finance, HR, marketing, governance or policy work.
- **Policy Consultation** – when developing policy, members will be given preference in consultation events which help shape the policy. Non-members will not be able to influence policy in this way.
- **Policy Forums** – members will have access to existing and new policy forums in relation to disability issues.
- **Membership Events and Networking** – access to member-only events and networking opportunities.
- **Discounts on Training and Events** – 20% discount on all training and events.
- **Room Hire** – one day's free use of Disability Action's accessible meeting rooms and 30% discount on any future bookings (excluding catering costs).

Members can also avail of the following services:

- **Information Days** – staff from a range of Disability Action's services can provide information days for your members or service users.
- **Free subscription** to Disability Action's monthly E-zine.
- **Free subscription** to Disability Action's weekly Northern Ireland Assembly Monitor.
- **Free subscription** to DA News and Ability NI.
- **Opportunity to promote** your events and news on www.disabilityaction.org visited by over 60,000 people each year.

Who can become a member?

Membership is open to organisations working in any area relating to disability. Currently member organisations include small voluntary groups, regional branches of UK wide charities, local community groups and government departments.

How do I apply?

You can apply using the form at the back of this leaflet. Please make sure that you send a copy of your constitution and your latest set of accounts with your form.

What happens if we don't have a constitution or accounts?

If you do not have one or both of these, then Disability Action can work with you to develop your constitution or give you advice on your accounts. Once you have them in place then we can take your application forward.

How long will it take?

All membership applications have to be considered by Disability Action's Board of Directors. This means that it may take 4-8 weeks depending on when you apply, but we will talk to you about this.

What will I get?

Once your application has been accepted by the Board of Directors you will receive an introduction pack that will explain how you can access all of the membership services. You will also receive a certificate of membership.

How much does it cost?

Membership fees are based on turnover (with the exception of statutory organisations). Please see the table below for fees.

Turnover less than £20,000	£10
Turnover between £20,001 - £50,000	£20
Turnover between £50,001 - £100,000	£30
Turnover between £100,001 - £250,000	£40
Turnover over £250,000	£65
Statutory Organisations	£75

Membership Application Form

To apply for membership please complete this form and return to Disability Action including a copy of your constitution and your latest audited accounts.

In joining Disability Action you will be associating your organisation with our aims and values and supporting the principles underlying our Charter of Rights. Our aims and values and our Charter of Rights can be accessed on our website www.disabilityaction.org.

Contact Details:

Organisation: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Telephone: _____ Textphone: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

Organisation Details

Briefly describe the activities of your organisation (use a separate sheet or attach a leaflet if necessary).

When was the organisation founded? ___/___/___

Inland Revenue/Charity Commission Reg. No. _____

If your organisation is not registered your application will still be considered.

Please ensure you have enclosed a copy of the following:

- A copy of your constitution
- A copy of latest audited accounts

Please return your completed application form to:

Karen McGrath, Disability Action, Portside Business Park,
189 Airport Road West, Belfast, BT3 9ED



If you have any queries or require additional information please contact the Marketing Unit on:

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If you require this document in another format please contact us with your requirements.