



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF NEWTON STEWART INITIATIVE (NSI)

NSI is a community organisation with charitable status. We were established to regenerate our town, involving as many people and groups as possible. NSI aims to develop community facilities; support community-led initiatives, businesses and regeneration projects; youth, arts and sports projects, and any other activities to benefit our community. It is our vision that NSI will bring together the aspirations, enthusiasm, skills, and experience of the people of the Newton Stewart area to create the vehicle of change that will see our town revitalised and turned into a town that is growing in prosperity and is an even better place in which to live and work.

Becoming a member means you will help to shape the future of NSI, with the opportunity to attend meetings, share ideas and participate in decisions that affect how NSI operates and develops. Members can attend regular meetings and vote at AGMs and EGMs. This will provide you with an oversight of our operations and offers opportunities to elect Trustees, scrutinise accounts and vote on particular matters. Associate Members and Junior Members have no power to vote at members' meetings.

I apply to become a member of NSI, a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). I understand that the Trustees of NSI have the discretion to accept or refuse any application. Return your form to: NSI, Church Street, Newton Stewart, DG8 6ER. Tel: 01671 401449. Email: info@newtonstewartinitiative.net

Type of membership	Please refer to who can become a member overleaf	
	Ordinary:	Junior: Associate:
	I represent an organisation Yes/No:	
	Name of Organisation:	
Name		
Address		
Postcode		
Email*		
* If you prefer not to be emailed with updates about NSI please tick here		
Telephone		
Date		
We encourage members to become Charity Trustees, please indicate if you would be interested	YES	NO
Please let us know why you would like to be involved in NSI:		

What does membership mean

Members are subject to some of the general duties of Charity Trustees. Specifically, members must

- act in the interests of NSI
- seek, in good faith, to ensure NSI acts in a manner which is consistent with our charitable purposes
- failure to comply with these duties may be treated as misconduct in the administration of NSI

The Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) recognises that members may not be involved in the day-to-day management of NSI. Therefore, when exercising powers such as considering changes to the constitution or taking part in elections of charity trustees, members must always act in the interests of NSI and seek to ensure that NSI continues to operate in line with our charitable purposes.

Membership does not mean that

- you are required to make a financial commitment
- you have any financial liability for NSI

Who can become a member

- anyone aged 16 or over living in the DG8 postcode may become an Ordinary Member
- anyone aged between 12 and 15 may join as a Junior Member, provided they support the objects and activities of NSI
- Associate Membership is open to anyone not ordinarily resident in the DG8 postcode, provided they support the objects and activities of NSI
- membership is only open to individuals. However, membership is open to an individual nominated by an organisation provided that no more than one individual nominated by each organisation can be a member of NSI at any given time, provided they support the objects and activities of NSI.

Who cannot become a member

- employees of NSI are not eligible for membership

I give my permission for NSI to hold my details on file. I understand that

- my details will be stored securely electronically on a membership database accessed only by approved staff or Trustees
- if a member or Trustee of NSI requests a copy in writing of the register of members, the Trustees must ensure that a copy is supplied within 28 days providing the request is reasonable. If the request is made by a member (rather than a Trustee) NSI will provide a copy with members' addresses redacted
- I must advise NSI should I wish to withdraw from the organisation. I will cease to be a member from the date this notice is received by NSI and my details will be removed from the register
- Trustees only: my details will be retained for at least six years from the date I cease to be a Trustee