



Federation of  
City Farms  
& Community  
Gardens

# Membership Application Form



# Why join?

You will become part of the wider movement of community-managed green spaces that benefit from the support, representation and promotion FCFCG provides.

Our regional development staff provide practical support and advice direct to our members. They also organise local networking and training events, giving you a chance to swap ideas with fellow practitioners and learn useful skills.

You will get access to publications and information resources across a wide range of subjects including funding, legal issues and good practice. FCFCG provides members with information and support in the event of disease outbreaks such as e-coli.

We also have a range of online services, from information resources available to download from the website, through to free listings for job vacancies and events at your group or project.

Finally, we work on your behalf to keep the aspirations of the movement on the political agenda, lobbying effectively at a local, regional and national level whilst promoting good practice, improving networks and creating training and development opportunities.

Please contact us if you would like to find out more about any of the benefits of membership listed.

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## Key benefits of FCFCG membership

### Support Services

- Development staff and a pool of experienced Fieldworkers based across the UK provide practical help and advice on a range of subjects and issues
- Emergency information and support (eg for a disease outbreaks such as bird flu)
- Free financial advice session with our Finance Manager (subject to availability)
- Access to specialist support networks and initiatives including the School Farms Network, Growing With Schools and the Allotments Regeneration Initiative
- Networking and training opportunities, including local network and training events throughout the year on themes requested by our membership. These events are free or highly subsidised for members.

### Publications and mailings

- You will receive free copies of our quarterly members' newsletter *Growing Places*, and copies of our Summer Public Newsletter and Annual Review
- Single hard copies of all our publications are available free to members on request
- Multiple copies of publications such as maps and material promoting community farming and gardening are also available
- We will circulate your inserts for job vacancies, events etc free of charge in our postal mailings.

### Travel Bursaries

- Travel bursaries of upto £150 towards the costs of visits to other community groups or to our training/networking events. Subject to availability. For more details contact your local FCFCG staff member.

### Online Services

- Access to our comprehensive online Resource Centre, available only to registered users of our website
- Copies of publications and newsletters available to download
- Using FCFCG website's online shop to market items for sale
- Advertising and promotion for your events on our website
- Our site has specific regional or country pages with useful local information
- Regular e-newsletters and e-bulletins to keep you informed of news, funding, training and information resources.

### Other benefits

- Information about a public liability insurance scheme designed specifically for allotments and community gardens (joining FCFCG does NOT mean you automatically have insurance cover)
- Access to our exhibitions, digital presentations, photographs and videos
- Access to FCFCG grants and bursaries (when available) and subsidised feasibility studies and consultancy services at discounted rates
- Members who receive visitors are prioritised to be featured in our popular map publications, highlighting city farms and community gardens in regions across the country, and are available for free
- There are opportunities for FCFCG to raise your profile if you: host events that we run; have an article in *Growing Places* magazine or take part in a Seeing is Believing tour for policy makers
- Members can nominate someone to the FCFCG Board and put resolutions to our AGM.

# Membership categories

Please read through the description of our membership categories to select the one most appropriate for your organisation, then fill out the form overleaf using the applicable FEE CODE.

Please note: Organisations in Scotland who are existing members of Trellis are entitled to 25% discount on membership fees. Please circle TREL in addition to the FEE CODE indicated by the descriptions below and deduct 25% from the fee that applies to your organisation.

## Farmgarden

Open to any organisation running (or intending to run) a city farm, community garden or similar project **that has a management committee elected from the local community.**

After your project has been a farmgarden member of FCFCG for one year, it will be eligible to become a Voting Member, entitling you to decision-making powers at the AGM.

Please choose the appropriate fee code for your annual turnover and circle this on the application form overleaf:

Annual income	Fee Code	Annual Fee
£0-£10,000	FREE	Free (first year only)
£0-£50,000	A	£30
£50,001-£100,000	B	£60
£100,001-£500,000	C	£100
£500,001-£1,000,000	D	£150

## Affiliate

This membership category is for any organisation (including schools) running (or intending to run) a city farm, community garden or similar project **but with no elected management committee.** Trusts and local authorities should join under this category. The membership fee for this category is £75 per year. Please circle fee code AFF on the application form.

## Supporters

For individuals who wish to support the work of FCFCG. Supporters receive *Growing Places*, our quarterly members' newsletter, a copy of our annual review and our public newsletter. This costs £20 per year. Please circle the fee code SUP on the application form.

## Free NCVO/SCVO membership

NCVO in England and SCVO in Scotland are umbrella bodies providing specialised information, advice and support to the voluntary and community sector.

All English FCFCG community members with an income of less than £10,000 per year are automatically eligible for free NCVO community membership. For details of NCVO benefits see: [www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/FCFCG](http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/FCFCG)

All Scottish FCFCG community members with an income of less

than £25,000 per year are entitled to free SCVO membership. For details of SCVO benefits see: [www.scvo.org.uk](http://www.scvo.org.uk)

Your membership details will be emailed to you directly by NCVO/SCVO, so please ensure you include a valid email address on this application form.

We do not currently have a similar arrangement for members in Wales and Northern Ireland. Please contact WCVA or NICVA directly to join.



# Application Form

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Please write in block capitals. Please make cheques payable to FCFCG.

Project name								
Site address (if applicable)								
		Postcode:						
Telephone								
Fax								
Email								
Website								
Contact name								
Position								
Postal address (if different to site address given above)								
		Postcode:						
Fee code (please circle)	TREL	FREE	A	B	C	D	AFF	SUP
Fee enclosed (£ amount)								
Short description of your project								
Please tick the description that applies to your project's development to date		Still in planning stages	Identified a site and reached agreement with land owner			Started on site		
Please tick the best description of the type of project you are involved in or planning		Community garden	Allotment based project	School garden		Community orchard		
*We define a farm as a project keeping or planning to keep livestock of any type		Community managed farm*	Care farm*	School farm*		Other type of farm*		
		Other type of project (e.g. Community supported agriculture)						
Reason for joining FCFCG								
NCVO/SCVO community membership		Please tick here if you do not want to be enrolled in this scheme:						
Signature						Date:		

Please return your completed form and membership fee to:

FCFCG, The GreenHouse, Hereford St, Bristol, BS3 4NA

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**This application form is available in Braille, large script or as an audio tape.**

