



# MUCH Membership Policy

## *Background - Why have a membership policy?*

*We are introducing a new Associate Membership class of members, and we need to clarify the difference between the two classes of membership. This policy is the first step in clarifying the difference. We have successfully used a membership process to admit Full Members and we will now start developing a suitable process for admission as an Associate Member.*

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## **1. Full Membership**

We welcome people who are aged over 50 and:

- Interested in living in co-housing
- Able to offer personal involvement and share skills in the development of MUCH

MUCH uses a process to enable individuals to apply for Full Membership of the Company. Once an application is agreed by existing members at a General Meeting, and the Joining Fee is received, Full Members are entered onto the Membership Register.

Full Members are entitled to:

- A place on the list for initial allocations of properties (in order of becoming a member)
- Attend all General Meetings and take part in the consensus decision making process

Full Members are expected to:

- Use their skills and knowledge to build the MUCH community
- Take on clearly defined roles in Working Groups and/or within the Company

- Maintain a commitment to the values and practices of cohousing
- Support MUCH community engagement and work with Partners
- Make financial contributions to the running costs of the Company

**2. Associate Membership**

MUCH maintains a pool of supporters who can apply for Associate Membership and if successful make a small annual financial contribution to the running costs of the Company.

We welcome people who:

- Are interested in co-housing as a social good
- Have previously been Full Members, or who may apply for Full Membership in the future, or neither
- Are able to offer personal involvement and share skills in the development of MUCH
- Are willing to support MUCH through Financial and or Expert contributions

MUCH will invite Associate Members to social events, and to attend Working groups and General Meetings as appropriate.

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