

Application to become a Member or Friend of GAVCA 2011/12

Criteria for Membership of GAVCA

We welcome Membership applications from all VCS organisations which meet all the following criteria:

- The organisation's area of benefit includes Gloucestershire.
- The organisation's aims and objectives must be consistent with GAVCA's own aims and objectives, including community benefit.
- The organisation must have a local (within Gloucestershire) management structure or other such local method of being accountable to its members or users.
- The organisation must have a set of rules or constitution and be a 'not for profit' organisation.
- If it has money, the organisation must have a bank account and keep financial records.
- The organisation must sign that they agree with, and will abide by, GAVCA's Equal Opportunities Policy and Values Statement. Find the policy at <http://tinyurl.com/34bmtx> (link has been shortened).

Membership is also open to individuals at the discretion of the Executive Committee and will be granted to those who the Committee wish to co-opt or recommend for election onto the Executive Committee, who are not from a member organisation. Membership for such individuals is free.

Criteria for Friends of GAVCA

Organisations and individuals wishing to endorse the work of GAVCA, but not eligible for membership, can be linked to GAVCA in a formal, but not constitutional, or accountable way as Friends of GAVCA. This includes VCS groups whose area of benefit does not include Gloucestershire or who cannot yet meet the criteria above, statutory agencies, as well as individuals and private businesses.

Membership Year

The Membership year begins on 1 October. Organisations which take up Membership between 1 October and 31 March in the same Membership year are eligible to vote at the following AGM.

If you are not sure whether to apply for Membership or Friends status, please email Honey Lucas, Information Officer, on honeyl@gavca.org.uk

Cost of becoming a Member or Friend of GAVCA

Please calculate the cost of becoming a Member or Friend of GAVCA using the table, below.

Annual income of your community / voluntary group	Member	Friend
Under £1,000	Free	Free
Between £1,001 and £20,000	£10	£10
Between £20,001 and £100,000	£20	£20
Between £100,001 and £250,000	£30	£20
Between £250,001 and £500,000	£60	£20
Over £500,000	£90	£20
Individuals		£10
Statutory or commercial organisations		£20

How to Pay for your Membership/ Friend's Status

Please calculate the cost of your Membership/ Friend's Status using the table above, and then send a cheque payable to GAVCA to GAVCA, Beatrice Webb House, 75-81 Eastgate Street, Gloucester GL1 1PN.

If you would prefer to pay your Membership/ Friend's fee by BACS, please complete and return this form and then contact Honey Lucas by emailing honeyl@gavca.org.uk You will then be sent all the details you need to make the BACS payment.

GAVCA New Members and Friends Application Form (Autumn 2011)

Name of organisation		
Address		
	County:	Postcode:
	Email:	Tel:
	Website:	

Name of nominated representative to GAVCA (receives mailings, votes at AGM)		
	Email (if different from above):	
	Position in organisation:	

Type of organisation	Commercial Statutory Faith Voluntary
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Where you work (tick)	Cheltenham Cotswolds Countywide Forest of Dean Gloucester Stroud Tewkesbury
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Describe your aims and activities	

Does your organisation have a local management structure (i.e. within Gloucestershire)?	Yes/ No
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If not, please describe how it is managed	

Does your organisation have a set of rules or a constitution?	Yes/ No
If your organisation has money, does it have a bank account and keep financial records?	Yes/ No
Do you have an Equal Opportunities Policy? (please attach a copy)	Yes/ No
If you don't, do you agree to abide by GAVCA's Equal Opportunities Policy?	Yes/ No

Are you applying to become a Member or Friend of GAVCA?	
Please use the table overleaf to calculate your Membership/ Friend's fee and indicate it here:	£

Declaration:
 GAVCA supports the principle of equal opportunities in its employment practice, service delivery and through its role as advocate for the wider voluntary sector. It is committed to providing services for everyone, regardless of age, colour, race, disability, religious belief, HIV status, marital status or sexual orientation. GAVCA expects that all Member and Friend groups will be actively committed to the improvement of equal opportunities and support GAVCA's aims and objectives.

I confirm that I am actively committed to equal opportunities policy and practice and that the above named organisation supports the aims and objectives of GAVCA.

Signed (on behalf of the applying organisation)	Date
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