

# Becoming a Member

## Why do we need Members?

Having members helps demonstrate to our funders that we represent people who live, work or care in East Dunbartonshire. Our membership will also ensure that as the organisation grows, our services continue to meet the needs of Carers.

## What are the Benefits of Membership?

You do not need to be a member to receive any of our services, attend meetings or to become involved with Carers Link. However, **only** members are entitled to vote at our Annual General Meeting or any Extra-Ordinary Meetings.

In addition to a right to vote and stand for office, all members will receive a regular newsletter and copy of our Annual Report.

## Who can become a Member?

Membership is open to:

- Any Carer who lives in East Dunbartonshire
- Any Carer who cares for someone who lives in East Dunbartonshire
- Any individual with an interest in carers' issues

Membership is also open to organisations:

- Any corporate body that has an interest in carers' issues (e.g. a voluntary sector organisation which has incorporated as a company, usually one that is limited by guarantee)
- Any individual who has been nominated for membership by an unincorporated body that has an interest in carers' issues (e.g. a voluntary organisation or charity that has not registered as a company).

To be a member, both individuals and organisations also have to support our objectives, aims and values. These are on our website, or we can provide a copy.

## Any Small Print?

Carers Link East Dunbartonshire is a Company Limited by Guarantee. This means that each member undertakes (or "guarantees") to pay up to a nominal sum of no more than £1 towards any debts if we were to go into liquidation. Therefore in the unlikely event of Carers Link having to be 'wound up' then you (individuals or the organisation you represent) **MAY** be asked to contribute a sum of no more than £1 towards paying off any debts. Please be assured that this is very unlikely to happen, but legally we have to let you know!

## How do I become a Member?

The simple form is on the website, and can be printed for you to fill in and post back to:

Carers Link East Dunbartonshire  
Enterprise Centre, Ellangowan Road, Milngavie G62 8PH

Alternatively, contact us on 0141 955 2131 or e-mail [enquiry@carerslink.org.uk](mailto:enquiry@carerslink.org.uk) and we can arrange for a form to be posted to you.