



Membership of 4EDEN

Eden Mencap Society encourages our local and wider community to join our society to show support for our aims and objectives. We are always looking for people who share our values and who want to make a difference, becoming a member is one way of doing just that. If you believe in what we are doing then by becoming a member you can stay in touch with the latest developments via our member's page and mailings when we have some important information to share.

Eden Mencap is governed by the Memorandums and Articles which is a document required under our incorporation as a charity 1098969

The governance of 4EDEN is performed by the board of Trustees. At our Annual General Meeting (AGM) you can meet our trustees, we will also send out information about the Trustees and voting forms to all members before the AGM.

Membership of 4EDEN is guided by the Memorandums and Articles and these are available for every member to consider, they can be emailed to you or you can view them at our office.

Membership of the society shall be open to all people (whether with or without a learning disability) who declare their support for and are in support of, the objects stated in the Memorandum.

Membership shall be granted to those individuals/groups/families that submit the application form and pay annual subscription and are accepted by the Board of Trustees.

Being a member of 4EDEN carries duties and responsibilities.

- You will be invited to attend our Annual General Meeting (AGM)
- 4EDEN members (over the age of 18) are required to vote on the appointment of the Board of Trustees & Patrons at the AGM.
- You can apply for a position on the Board of Trustees.
- You can have a say on what we do and how we do it.
- You can volunteer your time to support our services; you will be able to access training and be provided with at DBS certificate.

Standard Membership

To become a Member, you need to send £1 and subject to approval by our Board, you will then receive a Share Certificate. As a Member of 4EDEN your share won't increase in value and if you decide to leave you get your £1 back after the end of the financial year (March) on return of your certificate. The £1 will be held as a society asset for the purpose of the society's debts and liabilities in the event of 4EDEN being wound up.

To begin the process of becoming a member and supporter of 4EDEN please complete the enclosed form and return it to 4EDEN with your £1.00 coin or cheque or you can pay by card by popping into Bake4EDEN.

Your membership will be considered at our next Board meeting and if successful we will send you your welcome letter

Additional Supportive Annual Membership

As a charity, 4EDEN receives funds and donations from a variety of sources for use in supporting our membership; in the past these have included trips out, holidays, theatre visits, training, membership gifts, discount cards etc. As a member we would encourage you to suggest things we could do to improve our membership benefits. We also apply for grants to enable us to offer experiences to our members, to help us in this we have set an **Additional Support Annual Membership scheme**, which we invite you to take up.

The additional income that is received from this source will help us to provide more opportunities for our membership and also to attract matched funding.

Benefits in taking the additional supportive annual membership include:

- Free entry to members New Year's Party and special rates for up to 3 guests
- 10% discount at Bake4EDEN and Cafe4EDEN
- A free member's place on our summer activity
- Get involved in sports through get active and football for a small contribution
- Invites to special events such as theatre trips, evenings out, activity holidays

The membership year will run from 1st October to the 30th September, subscriptions due at the AGM.

Our day opportunities services will take over the running of the events and membership as part of their programme and present to the members at the AGM the events, fundraising and income that they have organised for the membership.

The cost for the **Additional Supportive Annual Membership** is:

Individual Membership: £10

Family Membership (1-2 adults and up to 3 children) £25

Group Membership (other community groups/supporters) £25

Corporate Membership (business community) £50

(These rates are an annual additional to the initial £1 subscription)

If you would like to take additional supportive membership then please add this to your £1.00 membership fee.

A member must pay their additional annual subscription promptly, if payment is not received after 2 months of the subscription becoming due then the member will be removed from the membership list and all benefits will cease.

Additional donations can be made to the membership group, please discuss this with the Chief Officer.

Group and corporate member's contributions enable lots of the above to happen as well as funding we receive from local groups such as Penrith Rotary, Lord Hothfield's bridge fund, The Pot Place fundraising, Penrith Lions and various small donations received from members of the community who wish to remain anonymous. We are keen to promote the support that groups and corporate members give to us. We often arrange for a photo opportunity with The Herald (our local newspaper) and via our website and facebook & twitter social media sites.

Please join our social networking via facebook:

Like our page and watch what we get up to!

Follow us on twitter:

Application to become a member of Eden Mencap Society

Name:	
Address:	
Telephone Number:	
Email address:	<i>(we will use this email address to send as much mail as we can to reduce postage costs)</i>

Our Memorandums and Articles are on our website www.4eden.co.uk

- I am/am not interested in attending Board meetings
- I am/am not interested in attending the AGM (annual general meeting)
- I am/am not interested in becoming a member of the Board of Trustees
- I am/ am not interested in becoming an active member and supporting the membership committee to organise events and benefits for the membership
- I am/ am not interested in volunteering my time to support an event organised by the membership committee
- I enclose my £1.00 lifetime membership of 4EDEN (essential)**

Please tick the boxes and indicate your preferences

I would also like to subscribe to the Additional Supportive Annual Membership

- Individual Membership: £10
- Family Membership (1/2 adults and up to 5 children): £25
- Group Membership (other community groups/supporters): £25
- Corporate Membership (business community): £50

Thank you, we will forward your membership certificate in due course, once your application has been approved by the Board of Trustees.