

Membership Policy

Introduction

Britain's Energy Coast Business Cluster is an industry association for energy in Cumbria and the wider geography of the North West of England, representing members across the supply chain and wider community. Britain's Energy Coast Business Cluster is a "not for profit", private sector led membership organisation which incorporates members from private, public and third sector. The membership consists of a range of organisations from micro businesses to global companies including a number of inward investors to Cumbria.

Britain's Energy Coast Business Cluster is committed to the delivery of benefits to its members and the wider community they sit in. This is through: networking meetings, a comprehensive programme of events, representing the members in the region nationally and internationally and industry led activities. The core programmes and projects are geared towards the sustained development of the energy industry within the community it resides in.

Who Can Be Members

Organisations that are either based in Cumbria, working in Cumbria or looking to locate into Cumbria, can become members of the cluster. Organisations should be able to align themselves to at least one of the Sector Groups (see website for list)

The Cluster will keep a database of prospective, current and past members.

BECBC is a trading style of West Cumbria Business Cluster Limited ("the Company"), a company limited by guarantee. Each member becomes a member of the Company on joining. In the event that the Company is wound up, each member's liability is limited to £1.

Membership Year

The membership year is a rolling year from the date the organisation signs up to BECBC membership.

Membership Fees

The membership fees payable are set by the Board every November and posted on the website. The membership fee is determined by the annual turnover as shown on the application form and website.

Membership Application

Membership begins from the receipt of a completed Membership Application form.

The membership form should be fully completed including all applicable categories

New Members are invoiced for the membership fees and given options of ways to pay. The payment system is largely automated and offers payment by card (our preferred method) or BACS. Membership continues until and unless the relevant member notifies BECBC that they wish to terminate their membership. No refunds are given in respect of an organisation terminating their membership part-way through a year.

Payments

Invoices are issued automatically when a new member completes the form on the website.

The annual fee will be based on the company applying for membership not the Parent Company.

Reciprocal Membership

Reciprocal Membership must be justified and have benefits for the Cluster

The Chief Exec will recommend reciprocal Memberships with any organisation to the Board for approval.

Website

New members are encouraged to upload their profiles onto the website.

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