

Becoming a Member

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Introduction

We are accountable to our Members. We actively encourage our tenants to join as we strongly believe in involving them in the running of the Association. We are also keen to encourage anyone else with an interest in housing and our work to join.

What is a Member?

Members are people who hold a share in the Association and whose names are entered into the Register of Members.

They can be anyone, aged 16 or older, who has an interest in East Lothian Housing Association, whether they are one of our tenants or not. Interested groups, for example a Community Council, can also nominate someone to be a Member, although a Member who represents a group cannot be a Member in their own right.

Membership is open to all sections of the community regardless of age, disability, gender, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, or sexual orientation.



What Does a Member Do?

Becoming a Member gives you the right to:

- Vote for who is on the Management Committee that runs ELHA
- Stand for election to our Management Committee
- Attend and vote at our Annual General Meeting (AGM)
- Receive our Annual Report

You can only become a member if you support our aims and objectives and we try to ensure that our Members can actively participate in our work by keeping them up to date with all major developments affecting the Association.

We also expect our Members to attend our Annual General Meeting to ensure that the meeting has enough people to go ahead and we are able to carry out our legal business. We publicise our Annual General Meetings at least 14 days before the day of the meeting and circulate information to Members so that they can make informed decisions at the meeting. We also make every effort to hold Annual General Meetings at times and locations to suit our Members. We will, where appropriate and reasonable, provide information in a particular format or language required by a Member.

How Do I Join?

For a £1 fee you can become a member of ELHA for life. All you have to do is fill in the membership form on the back of this leaflet and send it, and your £1 fee, back to us.

All applications for membership are considered by our Management Committee, which meets seven times a year.

New members will be issued with:

- A Share Certificate
- A copy of our Rules
- A copy of our most recent Annual Report
- Details of how Members can participate in the Association, including the AGM, and how to stand for election to the Management Committee



Please note: whilst it is our intention to encourage open membership of the Association, our Management Committee reserves the right to refuse requests to join if it feels applicants do not meet our membership criteria or if they feel membership might compromise the interests or independence of the Association.



Membership Application

I hereby apply for membership of East Lothian Housing Association and enclose the fee of £1.*

Signature: _____

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Occupation: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Membership of Other Associations: _____

Interests related to housing: _____

This form should be returned to:

The Secretary
East Lothian Housing Association
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*Cheques should be made payable to
East Lothian Housing Association

