

# Network Membership Information Pack



Reuse Network is the UK's only membership body dedicated to charitable and voluntary reuse organisations. We work with our members to reduce poverty, tackle waste issues and offer a brighter and better future for those marginalised in our society.



## We can help you to:



Reduce risks within your organisation



Continue professional development through training and events



Network with like-minded individuals and organisations



Build your knowledge of the reuse sector



Become more effective and efficient at what you do



Feel connected and listened to within the sector

Read on to find out how you and your organisation can benefit from joining the Reuse Network.

# Associate Member

£130/year (+VAT)

As an Associate Member, you'll be at the forefront of the reuse and sustainability movement, connecting with a dynamic community that's committed to making a real difference.



## Who can join?

- Individuals looking to contribute to a sustainable future
- Private Sector businesses aligned with sustainability
- Public Sector organisations working towards environmental goals
- Organisations focused on reuse, sustainability, and social or environmental impact.

1. Exclusive access to the latest industry updates, trends, and insights



2. Connect with a vibrant community of like-minded organisations and individuals



3. Collaborate on innovative projects and initiatives to drive positive change in the reuse sector



4. Enhance your sustainability efforts and showcase your commitment to a circular economy



# Associate Member

## The detail

### 1. Certificate of Membership

Receive a personalised digital certificate, proudly highlighting your commitment to sustainability and ethical practices.

### 2. Social Media Toolkit

Access ready-to-share assets that enable you to amplify your support for the sector and inspire others to get involved.

### 3. Website badge

Showcase your organisation's dedication to sustainability with a distinctive badge that highlights your involvement in the movement. You'll also be listed on our website.

### 4. Monthly Newsletter

Stay at the forefront of the reuse charity sector with our newsletter, packed with valuable insights, the latest trends, and exciting opportunities to deepen your impact.

### 5. Events throughout the year

Each year, we host national and regional events for members to connect, share best practices, and learn about new sector developments from the Reuse Network team.

### 6. Voting rights at our AGM and stand for election as a trustee

Make your voice heard with voting rights at our AGM. Members are notified when trustee positions open, and we encourage you to apply to help lead the network into exciting new ventures.

### Pricing

Our Associate Membership is just £130/year (+VAT)



# Network Membership

£330/year (+VAT)

Our Network Membership offers all-round benefits package to help you be an integral part of the reuse sector!



1. Peer support and learning



7. Events throughout the year (conference, training, roadshows)



2. Your stores listed on our dedicated reuse service finder



8. Buy from our Suppliers' Suite at discounted rates



3. Access to advice, guidance and sector specific information



9. Voting rights at our AGM and stand for election as a trustee



4. Regular updates and newsletters



10. Ask the Auditor - support with compliance and good practice



5. Advertise on our jobs board



11. Occasional furniture clearance opportunities\*\*



6. Free copy of the Product Weight Protocol

# Network Membership

## The detail

### 1. Peer support and learning

Our strength lies in our networking capacity and in bringing reuse charities and social enterprises together. We pride ourselves in putting members in contact when we know they can collaborate and help each other.

As a network, we are here to support our members' development, and through our established partnerships, we offer various training opportunities at a discounted cost to all members

### 2. Your stores listed on our dedicated reuse service finder

Your Network Membership includes up to three\* stores listed on our service finder page. This is our most visited page on the website, allowing users to contact their local reuse charity directly either from the contact information provided or through our online form.



### 3. Regular updates and newsletters

Whether on social media, by email or through our regular newsletters, we make sure you and your team are informed of the latest news and updates from the Reuse Network and the wider sector.

### 4. Access to advice, guidance and sector specific information

Not only is the team available to answer your questions over the phone or by email, but you and your colleagues can sign-up to our Members' Area to access a wealth of resources, templates and risk assessments specific to reuse operations.

### 5. Advertise on our jobs board

Our website is one of the top results in search engines when searching for anything reuse-related making it a great place to advertise your vacancies for maximum exposure. Whether you are looking to recruit new volunteers or employees, your membership includes listing your vacancies on our jobs board.

### 6. Free copy of the Product Weight Protocol

Previously known as the average weights list, Reuse Network worked with members to produce the Product Weight Protocol (PWP). It's a list of over 200 furniture and electrical items and their average weight. Find out more on page 11.

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### 7. Events throughout the year

Each year we hold a mix of national and regional networking events for our members, giving you the opportunity to meet with fellow organisations, share best practices and ideas, and learn of new developments in the sector from the Reuse Network team.

### 8. Buy from our Suppliers' Suite at discounted rates

Thanks to our new formalised Suppliers' Suite, you can buy goods and services from our corporate friends with peace of mind! Our Suppliers' Suite includes suppliers from ePos software, van leasing, insurance, new white goods and new furniture.



### 9. Voting rights at our AGM and stand for election as a trustee

Have your say on how the network continues to operate with voting rights at our AGM. All members are informed when trustee positions become available on our board of trustees, which we strongly encourage you to apply for, enabling you to lead the network into new and exciting ventures.

### 10. Ask the Auditor

Your one-stop-shop for everything related to your compliance and good practice. As a member, you can browse through our handy FAQs section which covers everything from fire safety to record keeping and everything in between. And, if you can't find what you're looking for in the FAQs, you can contact our auditor directly for advice and information.

### 11. Occasional furniture clearance opportunities\*\*

These opportunities are usually exclusive to our ARC members, however from time to time we may offer these to our Network members depending on the volumes available. These could be opportunities such as house clearances, warehouse clearances, or excess stocks from major retailers.

\*\*subject to brokerage

## Pricing

**Our Network Membership is just £330/year (+VAT)**

**Small charities with a turnover of less than £100,000 per year pay a discounted rate of £190 / year (+VAT)**

\*If you would like to add any further shops to our service finder, each additional listing is charged at £35.

# Approved Reuse Centre (ARC) Membership

from £1,350/year (+VAT)

ARC membership provides a thorough audit and assessment of quality management policies and procedures of your sites on an annual basis.



You will see your organisation run more efficiently and effectively through staff training and a better understanding of processes, procedures, and responsibilities. This certification provides confidence to our major commercial, retail and manufacturing partners, creating the assurance that you are operating legally and compliantly.

1. Improve the management capability, operational processes and professionalism of your organisation



2. Work with Reuse Enterprises' commercial contracts with major retailers



3. Provide legitimate assurances to local authorities, commercial partners and certification bodies



4. Voting rights at the Reuse Enterprises AGM and stand for election as a director



# Approved Reuse Centre Membership

## The detail



## Improve the management capability, operational processes and professionalism of your organisation

By taking part in a Reuse Network annual audit you will ensure your organisation is compliant with health and safety, waste, fleet, and other regulations, subsequently reducing or eradicating the risk of potential fines or compensation claims.

ARC membership is a nationally recognised mark of professionalism and excellence. ARC certification is the only system within the UK designed specifically for the quality assurance of reuse operators.

Within the auditing process, the auditor provides knowledge, guidance, information, and practical skills to continually improve your organisations capabilities and performance so that you are better placed to face challenges now and in the future. This on the outset may seem like a lot more work for an organisation

which is already overstretched, however, you can rest assured that the benefits of an audit far outweigh any additional effort required. The Reuse Network's auditing process is not something that you should be afraid of as given that it is a second party audit, your auditor will actively assist you.

In addition, we offer a programme for documenting and installing a formal system and preparing Approved Reuse Centres for external certification to meet the following ISO certification standards - ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015 and OHSAS 18001:2007 and standards such as PAS141. This quality auditing service helps reuse organisations achieve all of the above certifications in one go.

## Annual audit

Specification compliance is assessed via an annual one or two-day audit (costs of which are included within your membership fee), the audit specifically looks at:

- Documentation and records
- Management and resources
- Performance of work and provision of a collection, reuse and repair services
- Management verification and action

# Approved Reuse Centre Membership

## The detail

### Access contracts with major retailers

The increased amount of business opportunities\*\* offered at this level can help you to support more vulnerable people, increase your sales and improve the longer-term sustainability of your operations. While operating as an ARC, your organisation will be able to access new, end-of-line and returned furniture and appliances from many of the UK's leading retailers, manufacturers, hotels, universities, and transport operators. You will also be eligible to apply to our national take-back schemes with the likes of John Lewis & Partners, IKEA, and Currys.

Your organisation will not only benefit from gaining access to high-quality furniture and appliances offered within these partnerships, but you will also become an integral part of the development of regional and central reuse hubs within the UK. In doing so you will be sharing best practices with some of the most enterprising reuse organisations in the country and developing new activities based on future market trends and legislation.



### Provide legitimate assurances to local authorities, commercial partners and certification bodies

The ARC certification is recognised by public sector commissioners and many Reuse Network members have secured bulky waste contracts as a direct result of becoming an ARC. It is also a pre-requirement to working with our commercial partners.

### Voting rights at the Reuse Enterprises AGM and stand for election as a director

ARC members can also apply to be on our board of directors for Reuse Enterprises as well as to be trustees of the Reuse Network. We believe our members know best when it comes to leading a network of established reuse charities and social enterprises.

### Pricing

ARC membership is £1,350/year (+VAT) for up to three sites\*.

Any subsequent sites to be audited, or if you are ISO registered are charged £110 / site, per year.

By listing sites to be audited, you are agreeing that Reuse Enterprises activities will only be operating from those sites.

\* If you would like to add any further shops to our service finder, each additional listing is charged at £35.

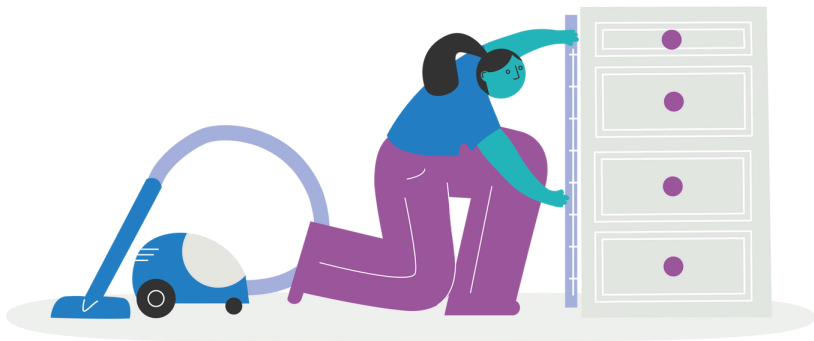
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# Product Weight Protocol (PWP)

£360/year (+VAT)

The PWP is recognised by UK environmental regulators and is the most up to date and comprehensive average weights list for organisations collating data on the weights of items in their operations.



Originally designed to help charity reuse organisations meet Local Authority and WEEE regulation requirements, it is now widely used across various sectors. It helps streamline data entry, supports impact reporting, ensures regulatory compliance, enables claiming recycling credits, and strengthens collaboration with local authorities through accurate, reliable data.

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1. Streamline your systems by recording the weights of donated or sold items, ensuring precise tracking for operational purposes.

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2. Use the PWP as a recognised protocol for obtaining necessary licenses (ATF, AATF, DCF), ensuring that your operations meet legal and industry standards.

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3. Claim reuse and recycling credits where applicable, supporting your sustainability goals and helping you benefit from environmental incentives.

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4. Enhance your social impact by producing credible reports, such as demonstrating how much furniture has been diverted from landfill, showcasing your environmental contributions.

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5. Strengthen relationships with local authorities by providing them with accurate data, helping meet their reuse and recycling requirements and improving community collaboration.



# The Product Weight Protocol

## The detail



**Since 1 January 2016, the Reuse Network Product Weight Protocol (PWP), formerly known as the FRN Average Weights List, requires the purchase of an annual licence from the Reuse Network.**

During Environment Agency inspections, officers will verify your licence by checking your unique PWP licence number against the register supplied by Reuse Network. The PWP is necessary to demonstrate to the EA how you calculate your average weights and is a key part of your AATF application.

To obtain a PWP licence for the first time, you must complete an expression of interest form, which will be reviewed and approved before you sign a licence agreement and make payment.

Fees for non-members are based on the organisation and its intended use of the PWP data, and multi-user and distributor fees are calculated based on specific information provided by the licensee.

Licences are valid for one year, from 1 January to 31 December, and must be renewed annually by 31 October, with a new licence number issued each year.

If you are a reuse charity or social enterprises focused on alleviating poverty and providing employment through reuse, then PWP is included in your membership. To find out more about joining as a Network Member, see page 3, or an ARC Member on page 8.

## Pricing

**From £360 /year (+VAT)**

Licence fees depend on the organisation and how they use the PWP data.

Multi-user and distributor fees are based on the information provided by the licensee.

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