



Membership Policy

Introduction

This document sets out the broad principles for membership of Chaffinch. This policy was initially endorsed by the trustees of Chaffinch, and will be reviewed regularly to ensure that it remains appropriate to the needs of Chaffinch and its members.

In order to understand how membership will impact on Chaffinch, and to allow a robust membership administration to develop, the trustees decided that, as a trial for the year 2020-2021, membership will initially be offered only to child sponsors and regular donors, aged eighteen and over.

Individual Members

Individual members of Chaffinch are individuals who meet the requirements for membership as stated above, and have the ability to affect the governance of Chaffinch by voting at the annual general meeting; either in person, electronically, or by post.

Corporate Members

Corporate members are companies and organisations for which a nominated representative holds a right to vote at the annual general meeting on behalf of the company or organisation they represent. Corporate members have the same equal rights as individual members.

Chaffinch Commitment

For the trial period during the year 2020-2021, Chaffinch will:

- a)** Contact all child sponsors and regular donors, and invite them to become either individual or corporate members.
- b)** Maintain a record of members' contact details, which will be used to send out invitations to either attend the annual general meeting in person, or information on voting by email or post.
- c)** Ensure that members are kept fully informed of upcoming events and fund raising activities, as well as receiving Chaffinch newsletters.