

Unison Membership Factsheet

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What is a member?

Unison's company structure is based on members. Members in a not-for-profit company are similar to shareholders in a for-profit company. They have certain rights - they appoint directors to the company's board and have special access to information non-members do not have, such as meeting minutes.

Why would you become a member?

Members have three primary rights:

- Members can vote on resolutions at Unison's annual general meetings.
- Members can vote on resolutions to appoint Unison's board of directors.
- Members have access to Unison's financial statements and minutes of the annual general meetings of Unison.

How is Unison membership different to that of Yarra Community Housing?

Unison adopted a different company structure from Yarra Community Housing (YCH).

Previously, YCH had two classes of members:

- Organisational members, who were appointed by the partner organisations that established YCH.
- General members, who were individuals with interest in YCH, such as tenants.

Unison only has one class - general members.

If I was a member of YCH, do I have to reapply to become a member of Unison?

Everyone who was a member of YCH was automatically brought over as a Unison member.

How much does membership cost?

Membership is free.

How do I become a member?

To become a member you will need to complete a membership application form. Forms can be downloaded from unison.org.au, you can pick a form up from your nearest Unison office.

