

CHARITY FINANCE GROUP PUTTING FINANCE AT THE HEART OF CHARITIES

WHAT WE DO FOR OUR MEMBERS

At Charity Finance Group (CFG), we help charities and non-profits manage their resources with confidence. Everything we do is driven by our goal to inspire a financially confident, dynamic and trustworthy charity sector.

We're here to work with all charity professionals, no matter what stage of your career you're at. And, whether you work for a big, household name with a dedicated finance team, or a tiny organisation on a low income, you'll find many different types of support to suit your individual needs. At a challenging time for charity funding, it's more vital than ever to ensure that money is making the biggest impact possible. Find out how CFG charity membership will help to empower your organisation to do more with what you've got, and how we can nurture your development as an individual.

WHAT WE DO FOR THE SECTOR

Our day-to-day contact with charities and non-profits gives us a unique insight into the financial challenges the sector faces. We hear first-hand how poor policy decisions and bad regulations can be a significant drain on charities' resources.

It's our role to ensure that these issues are understood and accounted for by government. We work closely with policymakers on issues that charities tell us about and play an instrumental role in government decision making. We're dedicated to keeping our members informed of legislative change and policy initiatives as they arise and helping them access useful resources on key issues like pensions and economic briefings.

WHY BE A MEMBER? I WANT TO...

... EXPAND MY NETWORK

We're proud to say that when you join CFG you also join the UK's largest community of finance professionals in the charity sector. Many of our members value this the most as it gives them regular opportunities to share experiences and learn from others in similar positions.

The opportunities to network are varied and wide, from regular members' meetings and Special Interest Groups (SIGs), to conferences and events, which all give you the chance to connect over shared interests and experiences.

"Finding and engaging with a network of people who understand the charitable environment and face similar situations is important; meeting empathetic and knowledgeable colleagues who are willing to share their experience."

Mark Preston, Finance & Business Manager, Blackpool Grand Theatre Trust



... IMPROVE MY KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

Whether you're just starting out in your finance career, working your way up the ladder or in a leadership role, we have the resources, events and training to take you to the next level.

Each year we run over 85 professional development events and more than 15 conferences, and our unrivalled access to a wide range of expert speakers helps to deliver programmes that will expand your knowledge, explore issues and ensure you stay abreast of topical issues.

"CFG has provided a lifeline, making sure I felt part of a community of professionals. Their training, events and magazine help me to support the leadership and trustees by providing insight on best practice charity governance, and technical updates."

Katy Anstis, Head of Finance, Surfers Against Sewage

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... BE A BETTER

It's our aim to develop financial skills for leaders and leadership skills for finance professionals. For chief executives, that may be through our face-to-face training and online resources to boost financial governance. Our Inspiring Financial Leadership course also gives those in leadership roles a highly interactive mix of practical experience, research and best practice to take them on to the next stage of their leadership journey. And, to support the next generation of financial leaders in the sector we have a mentoring scheme designed to partner people up with experienced charity finance professionals.



"Keen to improve my skills as a financial leader, I enrolled on the Inspiring Financial Leadership (IFL) programme. As a finance professional, this experience vastly improved my leadership skills. I literally left each session buzzing."

Pete Knight, Finance Director, Mercy Ships UK

... RAISE MY PROFILE

Being part of the CFG community gives you speaking and editorial opportunities to raise your personal profile – and that of your organisation – among our networks. Share insight and experiences to help other charities and support your development as a thought leader at the same time.

"There are seldom organisational issues which occur which have not been previously addressed by another CFG member. This presents a great opportunity to learn from others as well as contribute our own learning to the CFG pool."

Paul Ward, Chief Operating Officer, Mind



... BE IN THE KNOW

With membership comes exclusive access to a range of additional benefits and resources. These include:

- Discounted rates on all CFG conferences and training;
- Job opportunities with the CFG Jobs Board;
- Receiving Finance Focus, our members' magazine with expert briefings, sector news and features on topical issues;
- Our member-only online document library of over 400 documents on current and emerging issues;
- Exclusive access to free helplines, staffed by our corporate members on their given area of expertise, such as accounting, tax and legal advice.

"I have been a member of CFG for a few years and it is invaluable, enabling me to connect to other professionals across the country. I have attended conferences and training, and the CFG team are all incredibly supportive. CFG membership has helped me to stay connected and informed. I would encourage other financial professionals to join without a doubt."

Lindsey West, Head of Finance and Operations, Heart of Glass

... HELP US SHAPE GOVERNMENT POLICY

As a member, you have the opportunity to get involved and engage on policy issues by contributing to policy consultations, responding to surveys, and taking part in our members-only forums to ensure that your voice is heard on the issues that matter.

"CFG has worked hard to support the sector in these challenging times and we have appreciated all the help and advice they have produced."

Timothy Asberywood, Chief Accountant, York Museums Trust



OUR CHARITY

MEMBERS IN NUMBERS

1,400 CHARITY MEMBERS

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OVER **3,000** CHARITY FINANCE PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS

£22bn

COLLECTIVE FUNDS MANAGED BY OUR CHARITY MEMBERS

4 SIG GROUPS WITH 11 MEETINGS A YEAR

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

16 Conferences



Stats taken from 2017-18 Annual Report

OF THE 2019 ANNUAL CONFERENCES DELEGATES:



SAID THAT THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS HAD IMPROVED

98% SAID THAT THEY FELT MORE CONFIDENT ABOUT

MORE CONFIDENT ABOUT THE NEXT STEPS THEY NEED TO TAKE AND HOW TO IMPLEMENT THEM

94%

REPORTED THAT THEY HAD GREATER AWARENESS OF BEST PRACTICE IN CHARITY FINANCE

MEMBERSHIP FOR YOUR WHOLE ORGANISATION

CFG membership is for your charity as a whole. As the primary contact, you can add as many additional contacts as you like – everyone from your chair to your fundraising team, by using your online account myCFG which is available through your website login.

WHAT DOES IT COST TO BE A MEMBER?

Annual membership fees are based on the gross annual income of your charity and where you are located.

Visit our website for details of membership fees: cfg.org.uk ≫

TWO EASY WAYS FOR YOUR COLLEAGUES TO SIGN UP TOO

1. REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.CFG.ORG.UK/REGISTRATION

2. EMAIL OUR MEMBERSHIP TEAM MEMBERSHIP@CFG.ORG.UK

To find out more about CFG's work and how we support your organisation, visit cfg.org.uk >>

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