



Adoption and Fostering Alliance Scotland

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Full Corporate Membership offered by Adoption and Fostering Alliance Scotland in collaboration with CoramBAAF

Benefits and Services

Adoption and Fostering Alliance Scotland (AFA Scotland) is an independent organisation which offers services to all those working in the field of adoption, fostering and the care of looked after children. Our professional multidisciplinary team has wide experience and up-to-date expertise in adoption and fostering practice. The team delivers high quality bespoke training and consultancy, assisting professionals to develop the knowledge and skills they require when working in this specialist area. Information and training can also be provided regarding wider legal and social work developments relevant to children and their carers.

AFA Scotland offers a uniquely Scottish service to local authorities, health professionals, voluntary adoption agencies and independent fostering providers. We are, however, also delighted to offer members the benefits of our collaboration with CoramBAAF.

Our aim is simple - to support your agency in achieving the best outcomes for all children who are fostered, those for whom planning for permanence is required, and those placed for adoption.

Below is a list of the main benefits of membership with AFA Scotland which we are sure will be of interest to you:

Training

AFA Scotland provides many continuous professional development opportunities for social workers and related professionals. Becoming an AFA Scotland membership agency may therefore assist your agency to comply with the National Care Standards for Adoption and Fostering.

- Members receive substantial discounts at all training events.
- Training is flexible and tailored to your needs.
- Specialised workshops and conferences are held throughout the year, often with highly regarded external speakers.

Information, Advice and Consultancy

Professionals working in the field of adoption, fostering and the care of looked after children will benefit from professional support in a variety of different ways.

- Expert information and advice provision to professionals working in adoption, fostering and child care issues.
- Scotland specific helplines providing expert specialist advice on legal, health and child placement dilemmas. This will include enquiries about cross-border and inter-country adoptions and fostering.
- Access to research expertise.
- A discounted rate for professional case consultancy services.



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Discounted Consultancy and Training Charges

Members of AFA Scotland receive training and consultancy at a significant discount as shown in the following table:

Professional staff time (including travel time and preparation)

Activity	Member Agency	Non-member agency
Full day training	£750	£975
Half day training	£500	£615
Workshop (1 day)	£110 per person	£150 per person
Workshop (2 day)	£195 per person	£235 per person
Conference	£190 per person	£230 per person

Publications and Forms

- Subscription to the CoramBAAF electronic forms licence scheme at member rates for AFA Scotland member agencies.
- Printed copies and online access to the highly regarded quarterly CoramBAAF Adoption and Fostering Journal.
- Four CoramBAAF publications and requisite number of print copies.
- Access to the members' area of the CoramBAAF website.
- The CoramBAAF Adoption & Fostering Digest information e-bulletin covering policy, legislation etc UK wide.
- CoramBAAF News delivered each month.
- AFA Scotland regular news updates.

Engagement with Peers, Opportunities to Influence and Other Services

AFA Scotland offers a range of opportunities for professionals to meet and share experience, and to learn from other professionals working in the same field. Where appropriate, these are supported by our legal and research professionals and external experts. AFA Scotland offers:

- Member only forums for social work, health, legal and research professionals in Scotland, with meetings offered at least three times per year.
- A national and regional voice for member agencies, giving influence on public policy.
- Representation from Scotland on CoramBAAF UK wide health, social work practice, BME and research committees.
- Development and promotion of a positive understanding of adoption and fostering.
- Panel Chairing and Panel Membership services.
- Chairing of Disruption Meetings.
- Expert reports where cases may benefit from independent and in depth consideration, analysis and comment including complex placement disruptions.
- In addition, members' views will be sought in relation to the development of AFA Scotland's services and policy areas of interest.



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Scotland**

Membership Fees 2016-2017

Local Authorities (per 1000 population): £17.45

Voluntary Adoption Agencies and Independent Fostering providers:

Bands	Turnover	Registered Charities	Non-charities
A	£10m +	£3952.13	£4477.33
B	£7-10m	£2060.40	£2295.73
C	£5-7m	£1641.25	£1861.43
D	£2-5m	£1229.17	£1388.75
E	<£2m	£587.82	£684.78

In addition an Early Bird discount of 10% will be applied where invoices are settled by April 30th 2016

If you would like to join AFA Scotland from 1st April 2016, please contact Brenda Reilly at AFA Scotland. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require further information.

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