

BMCF Membership System

Clause 3 of the BMCF Constitution allows membership for people who are interested in furthering the objects of the British Malayali Charity Foundation (BMCF). By virtue of the close 3 of BMCF Constitution, all those who participated on any of our fund raising program is deemed to be a basic member of the BMCF and eligible to get the annual accounts and report. The Annual General Body of Trustees, held at Leicester on 30th May 2013 decided to give a formal shape to the membership system by giving more rights to the basic members. This document details the extended membership system and requirements.

Objective:

- Involve maximum Malayalees (Keralites of South Indian origin) living in the UK to be part of a charity network that will work for the benefits of the public in UK and in Kerala, India .
- Provide an opportunity for common people to help and support British Malayali Charity Foundation fundraising initiatives, its activities and be part of a regular campaign for better society and mankind.

Eligibility:

- Any Keralite legally living in the UK can be a member.
- Membership application form needs to be filled-in by all members. Members will be issued with a membership reference no. after getting the duly filled Membership Form & Gift Aid Declaration Form. Membership ref. no. needs to be mentioned in all future payments (including the standing order) to BMCF Bank account as the payment reference along with other details, if any.
- A minimum contribution of £5 per month or single payment of £60.00 per year is required. This contribution will be added to the General Fund of the Charity and kept within the charity main account itself. It will not be an alternative or replacement of your voluntary contributions against the periodical individual case by case appeals announced by BMCF. Preferred mode of payment is monthly or annual standing order payment to BMCF Bank account. Members can set it up through your online banking facility or by completing and submitting the attached standing order mandate to your bank.
- No separate membership fee or membership renewal required.

Benefits for Members:

- Financial support required during crisis situations of a member or his next of kin in the UK will be considered within the Crisis Fund provisions by the trustees with priority.
- Members will be sent BMCF annual account statement and annual report
- Members will be invited to participate in Annual General Body Meeting of the BMCF.
- Members will be supporting BMCF and initiating activities in their respective regions
- Members will be eligible to apply for BMCF Trusteeship. To be considered for a trustee in BMCF, members need to contribute minimum 6 months in a year. For the first year, they will be in the Trustee advisory committee helping the trustees. One year of successful contribution to trustees and BMCF by value added charity services, he could be considered for Trusteeship. Trusteeship of an advisory committee member will be decided by Permanent Trustees. The duration of the Trusteeship will be one year. The maximum consecutive tenure of a Trustee from members will be three years.

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(Registered with Charity Commission in England and Wales No. 1150804)



- A maximum of **THREE** members will be selected as Trustees and will be decided by two-third majority of Trustees in the annual trustee meeting.
- New trustees nominated from the members will have the same right as the permanent trustees during their tenure.

Limitations:

- BMCF will not be accountable for the direct debit / standing order set up by the member and will not be liable for the maintenance of it.

Termination of Membership:

- Non payment of the monthly contribution of £5.00 for six months within a year will automatically invalidate the extended membership status.
- Trustees have the power to terminate the membership of any individual, provided that the decision of the Trustees is taken with two-third majority and as to there being good reason for it, and provided that the individual concerned shall have the right to be heard by the Trustees, before a final decision is made.