

CYMFed Membership Policy



This document is to be read alongside the CYMFed Constitution, notably point 3 (Membership)

Membership is open to each Catholic Diocese in England & Wales, religious orders, organisations and movements and appropriate other bodies engaged in youth ministry working with young people aged 12-25 in a Catholic context.

CYMFed has both full members and associate members.

Full Membership

All full members must commit a 'Principal Officer' with decision making authority in their own Diocese, Order, Movement or Organisation to attend membership meetings of CYMFed.

Dioceses of England and Wales.

Each Catholic Diocese within England and Wales is eligible to be a full member of CYMFed. A representative from each Diocese will be the 'Principal Officer' as designated by the Diocesan Bishop. It is expected that this person will have decision making authority for Youth Ministry within the Diocese.

Movements and Organisations

Movements and Organisations, where one of their principle activities is youth ministry in a Catholic context and who are working with the documented approval of a Bishop of CBCEW, may be eligible for full membership of CYMFed if their work is not restricted to only one Diocese, and if they also fulfill one or more of the following criteria:

- Full time worker appointed with responsibility for youth ministry
- An operational budget for youth ministry over £50,000
- Working with over 1000 young people each year in an informal youth ministry context.

Religious Orders and Congregations

Religious Orders and Congregations, where one of their principle activities is youth ministry in a Catholic context, may be eligible for full membership of CYMFed. It is required that:

- a member of the Order, or a paid staff member, has been appointed full time with responsibility for youth ministry, with decision making authority as appropriate to their Order.
- youth ministry is undertaken in an informal context

It may be appropriate for particular projects of Religious Orders to join as an Organisation.

Ex-officio members of the Board are full members of CYMFed.

Associate Members

Movements, Organisations and Religious Orders who do not meet the requirements for full membership, but who are actively engaged in youth ministry may apply to become Associate Members. The decision on eligibility is at the discretion of the Board.

Associate membership would be particularly appropriate for those engaged with working with adults, or who are developing resources in order to support those in Catholic youth ministry. Associate membership could include those concerned with promoting vocations, those working in drama and creative arts, publishers and training providers.

Associate members may attend Membership meetings but are not eligible to vote. They may use the CYMFed logo as per the guidelines below.

Decisions with regard to membership of CYMFed, in all matters, are at the sole discretion of the CYMFed Board in accordance with the criteria of this policy. The Board may make decisions about the appropriateness of continuing membership of all members.

Logo

Members of CYMFed may use the CYMFed logo, alongside their own logo.

- the logo can only be used in the visual form supplied by the CYMFed Secretary, either in black & white or including the CYMFed orange. The logo must be accompanied by the phrase 'Member of CYMFed' or 'Associate member of CYMFed' as appropriate.
- The logo should never be used by a member separate from their own branding, as if to imply it was solely a CYMFed branded document or resource.
- the logo should not be used by members in any modified form, or in a different colour, or a different aspect, or separating the symbol from the word
- nothing should be communicated by a member that implies that the network member represents or can speak on behalf of the whole of the CYMFed membership.
- several members can work together and use the CYMFed logo as long as they do not imply that they represent the whole of the network
- nothing communicated by a network member using the logo should be contrary to the Teaching of the Catholic Church or should cause embarrassment to other members
- any network member misusing the CYMFed logo runs the risk of having the right to use the brand removed

Subscriptions

Subscriptions are payable to CYMFed, with subscription rates for Full and Associate members as agreed by the Membership of CYMFed each year.