

Membership

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Purpose

To guide decision-making regarding memberships. Members are the lifeblood of Northey Street City Farm and it is widely acknowledged that it is our strong and diverse membership base that keeps The Farm going from strength to strength. Members are rewarded with special benefits and celebrated at annual festivals. New memberships and member renewals are passionately encouraged.

Policy

1. Anyone who recognises and respects The Farm's fundamental principles and subscribes to our Statement of beliefs is welcome to become a member.
2. Members are entitled to benefits, as outlined on the membership form. These may change, especially to provide extra benefits during promotional periods.
3. All memberships must be approved by the Management Committee. Membership, unless otherwise noted by the Executive Committee, is granted on an annual basis. The membership fees are as follows:
 - a. concession (health care card) \$15,
 - b. adult \$30,
 - c. family \$40,
 - d. organisation \$60.
4. Five-year memberships are also offered, at a discount. See the membership form.
5. Consistent with our inclusive philosophy of "All people are welcome, but all behaviours are not", the Management Committee has the right to revoke membership if a person's behaviour is deemed to be of risk to property or the wellbeing of others. In the case of a membership rejection or termination, applicants will be refunded their membership fee.
6. Full membership details, including voting rights, are included in the NSCF Constitution, available through the office.

Procedures

1. Anyone wishing to join The Farm must first complete and sign a membership application form (which can be found in the office, on the notice board or at The Farm information tent at the Sunday Markets) and pay their annual membership fee. Processing details are on the membership form.
2. The Administration Officer or Membership Secretary then notifies the applicant (either in person or by mail) of their acceptance and issues a welcoming letter and receipt of membership fee.
3. Memberships are valid for 12 months from the date of issue.
4. The Farm will maintain a register of all members, together with their addresses, telephone numbers, and any other pertinent information. This information is held in accordance with The Farm Privacy Policy. Members should contact the office in writing (post or email) to notify of any changes in personal details.

