

## OPEN - Membership Policy

### 1. Full members

Full members are local lone parent self help groups.

The group can be funded or non-funded but must have a management/steering group of no less than four people. The lone parent group can be based within another organisation during set-up but must have the clear intention to become self-sufficient within a specified time period. Lone parents in OPEN member groups can avail of a range of supports including financial contribution to social care, travel and mentoring.

Full members:

- Have full voting rights and are therefore entitled to attend and vote at OPEN's Annual General Meeting and Extraordinary General Meetings
- Can nominate and elect members to the Board of OPEN
- Have access to OPEN activities and services at no cost to the group
- Receive our magazines and kits free of charge
- Are expected to identify their membership of OPEN.

### Membership fee

There is no membership fee for full members.

### 2. Others

In order to involve individuals and other groups/organisations who are interested in OPEN's work, the Board has decided to expand our membership base. This level of membership will be available to both individuals and groups.

Other members will:

- Receive OPEN's regular magazines, B • OPEN & OPENplus
- Be eligible to participate in most OPEN programmes/activities and receive our Kits, on a reduced-cost basis
- Request special supports and expertise from OPEN in developing programmes for one-parent families.

### Membership fee

Individual lone parents (unwaged) may join OPEN and receive free membership; OPEN seeks an annual contribution from other members as follows:

- Lone parents (waged) & other individuals –	€15
- Community Development Projects/ Family Resource Centres –	€25
- National non-governmental organisations and Area Partnerships/LEADER companies –	€50
- National organisations, for example, trade unions –	€75

For more information on what it means to be a member of OPEN please contact us:

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