



Membership Terms & Conditions 2022-23

Membership Criteria

1) Membership is open to any of the below organisations with operations in the South West region of Ireland:

- Companies whose foundations are based in science, technology, engineering or maths (e.g., Pharma, MedTech, FinTech, Software, High-Level Manufacturing organisations)
- Start-ups and early-stage companies whose foundations are based in science, technology, engineering or maths.
- Science/Technology/Engineering enabled manufacturing and hardware companies.
- A company whose core business provides a digital technology, product, service, or application.
- Knowledge providers, including higher education, research, and vocational training centres in the field of STEM.
- Government bodies, agencies, and NGOs who provide support and services connected with STEM.
- Recent graduates who are interested in pursuing a career in the field of STEM.

2) Membership is subject to Board approval and STEM south west Cluster CLG reserves a right to refuse membership without disclosing any reason.

3) STEM South West membership is a business entitlement rather than a personal one. All employees of the member organisation are therefore entitled to all STEM South West member benefits and services when working on behalf of their member employer.

Membership Fees:

4) Membership in the first year is valid until 31/03/2023 and commences from the date on which a prospective member is approved by the Board and thereby receives confirmation of membership from STEM South West. The benefits of membership commence immediately, and Membership Fees will become payable.

5) This subscription fee is determined by STEM South West Cluster CLG, the sum of which is determined using the prevailing subscription scales which are based around the type and number of employees in your organisation. Membership is charged on a pro rata basis for the first year. Annual rates apply on renewal. Rates are subject to change at the discretion of the STEM South West board once it exceeds no more than 10 per cent in any one year.

6) Membership will renew automatically for the next membership period as each 12-month term expires unless you or your organisation provide written (including email) notification that you do not wish to renew the membership. No payment will be taken for renewal until provided by you or your organisation, unless a Standing Order has been completed previously.

7) Membership fee is non-refundable, and membership is non-transferable.

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- 8)** Membership fees can be paid via EFT, cheque, or Standing Order.
- 9)** Payment should be made within 30 days. If no payment has been received within 3 months of your renewal or joining date, STEM South West on giving one month's notice can terminate your membership and all services and benefits.
- 10)** If a Member chooses to pay by Standing Order, that Membership will commence from the date the Member receives confirmation of membership from STEM South West or from the renewal date. It is the responsibility of the Member to ensure a Standing Order is completed, received by the relevant financial institution and that the first instalment payment is received by STEM South West within 30 days from the date of the commencement or renewal of Membership.
- 11)** Whilst a Member may be entitled to cancel a Standing Order agreement at any time, the Member's commitment remains to pay the full amount due for the initial and any subsequent 12-month membership terms. In those circumstances, all monies outstanding will fall due for immediate payment. A failure to pay that sum within 14 days of request may lead to membership benefits being suspended and/or membership cancelled, or the recovery of that fee as a debt.

Membership Termination:

- 12)** A Member choosing not to renew their membership may do so by giving notice in writing at least one month before the day when the next subscription is due.
- 13)** The STEM South West Board will be entitled to cancel your membership if any outstanding fees, including but not limited to the subscription fee, remain unpaid for a period of three months after the date that payment is due; you have behaved in an inappropriate manner towards other members or towards the Board; you bring STEM South West or its reputation and good standing into disrepute through your actions; you breached these terms and conditions.

Membership Benefits:

- 14)** Members are entitled and encouraged to take advantage of the various opportunities that STEM South West offers.
- 15)** Membership benefits are subject to change.
- 16)** The STEM South West Member Directory can be used to reach out to fellow members however these should not be used to advertise or to send generic marketing emails promoting your services/products.
- 17)** STEM South West shall have no liability for any losses suffered by a member as a result of using services offered by a fellow member. STEM South West shall have no responsibility for advice given or services provided by its members or by its third-party service providers even though such providers may have been introduced to the Member by STEM South West.
- 18)** Each member organisation is entitled to one vote at the Annual General Meeting. Graduate members do not have voting rights.



User Consent to Receive Communications in Electronic Form

19) For contractual purposes, you: (a) consent to receive communications from us in an electronic form via the email address you have submitted; and (b) agree that all Terms of Use, agreements, notices, disclosures, and other communications that we provide to you electronically satisfy any legal requirement that such communications would satisfy if it were in writing. The foregoing does not affect your non-waivable rights.

20) We may also use your email address to send you other messages, including information about upcoming activities and events. You may opt out of such email by changing your account settings, using the “Unsubscribe” link in the message, or by sending an email to admin@stemsouthwest.ie. Opting out may prevent you from receiving messages regarding the company, upcoming events and activities.