

# JOIN THE NETWORK



Heritage  
Trust  
Network



*The best thing about the Network is when people doing amazing work on historic sites realise they have so much to learn from each other and that they are not alone.*

– DAVID TITTLE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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Bringing historic buildings and spaces back to life brings joy to so many people. It restores local pride and identity and creates jobs, workplaces, visitor attractions, educational facilities, arts venues and much more.

If you work or volunteer for an organisation rescuing and reusing a historic site, you are not alone. There are thousands of people like you doing amazing work throughout the United Kingdom. Whatever challenges you face, the chances are someone has faced them before.

Heritage Trust Network connects people so they can share experiences, learn from each other and provide mutual support.

Conferences, site visits, meetings and online forums provide opportunities for members to network, support each other, and meet experts and funders.

We are the membership body for community organisations, charities and social enterprises that are saving, restoring and managing historic buildings, parks, gardens, structures and landscapes.

Our network includes organisations specifically set up to save heritage sites, as well as community organisations that deliver other types of services but have found an ideal place to operate in a historic building or space. We also welcome individuals, businesses and local authorities that support local heritage action.

Heritage Trust Network has a small staff team and a board of directors drawn from our members and other professionals working in the sector. We are supported by funding from National Lottery Heritage Fund, government heritage bodies in each of the four parts of the UK, and by income from membership subscriptions, events and other services. We work in partnership with the Architectural Heritage Fund.

*Cover image: the restoration of Kelvingrove Bandstand and Amphitheatre, Glasgow, was led by Network member Glasgow Building Preservation Trust in partnership with Glasgow City Council and Glasgow Life. © Andrew Lee*

*Image above: Members of Valley Heritage working on the former Lancashire and Yorkshire Bank in Bacup.*



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## Why join?

### NETWORKING

The connections you will make through the Network could be vital to ensuring your project is a success. You can chat with other community heritage practitioners, experts and funders, online via the Network Hub, at a digital Network Natter, or meet them in person at an event, site visit or conference.

### TOOLKIT

We are constantly adding to our comprehensive library of resources, drawing on the experience of our members and expert partners. It provides members with advice, information, signposting and case studies to guide you through the different stages of your project and help you manage your site.

### PUBLICITY

Our online member directory enables the public to find exciting heritage sites and projects in their area. Our new directory will help you reach out to the public and let them know whether you are open for visitors, have a café or restaurant, offer school visits or whether you need new volunteers or donations. Your latest news will appear in our newsletter and website, and we can also advertise any jobs or volunteering opportunities you have on offer.

### LEARNING

Our workshops and conferences, led by experts in the field, are fantastic learning opportunities where you can pick up new knowledge, skills, tips and tricks.

### ADVICE

As a member of the Network you can post queries online about any issue affecting you whether legal, financial, environmental or technical. We will get you an answer or signpost you to someone who can help. We can introduce you to other projects that have faced the same challenges.

### OFFERS

Our Partner members from heritage-related businesses such as consultants, architects, and financial advisers provide free or discounted services to members of the Network.

### NEWSLETTERS

As a member of the Network, you will receive our exclusive regular members' newsletters with information about funding opportunities, offers, events and other vital news.

To find out more, visit:

[www.heritagetrustnetwork.org.uk/members/join-us](http://www.heritagetrustnetwork.org.uk/members/join-us)

## Funders



# CONNECT, NETWORK & NETWORK PLUS MEMBERSHIP

## Community organisations, social enterprises & charities

*Connect* is the membership category for new groups, starting out on the path to taking over a heritage site, or for organisations that are short of funds. *Connect* allows you to sample the benefits of membership and decide if you want to upgrade to *Network*. Note that *Connect* membership is not available to individuals, businesses and local authorities.

*Network* is the category that most not-for-profit organisations restoring and managing heritage sites go for. It allows you to get all the essential benefits of membership and participate as a full member of the *Network*.

*Network Plus* has been created for our larger, more established members who usually own more than one site and have staff teams. This category of membership provides additional networking opportunities with similar organisations and opportunities to promote your offer as a business.



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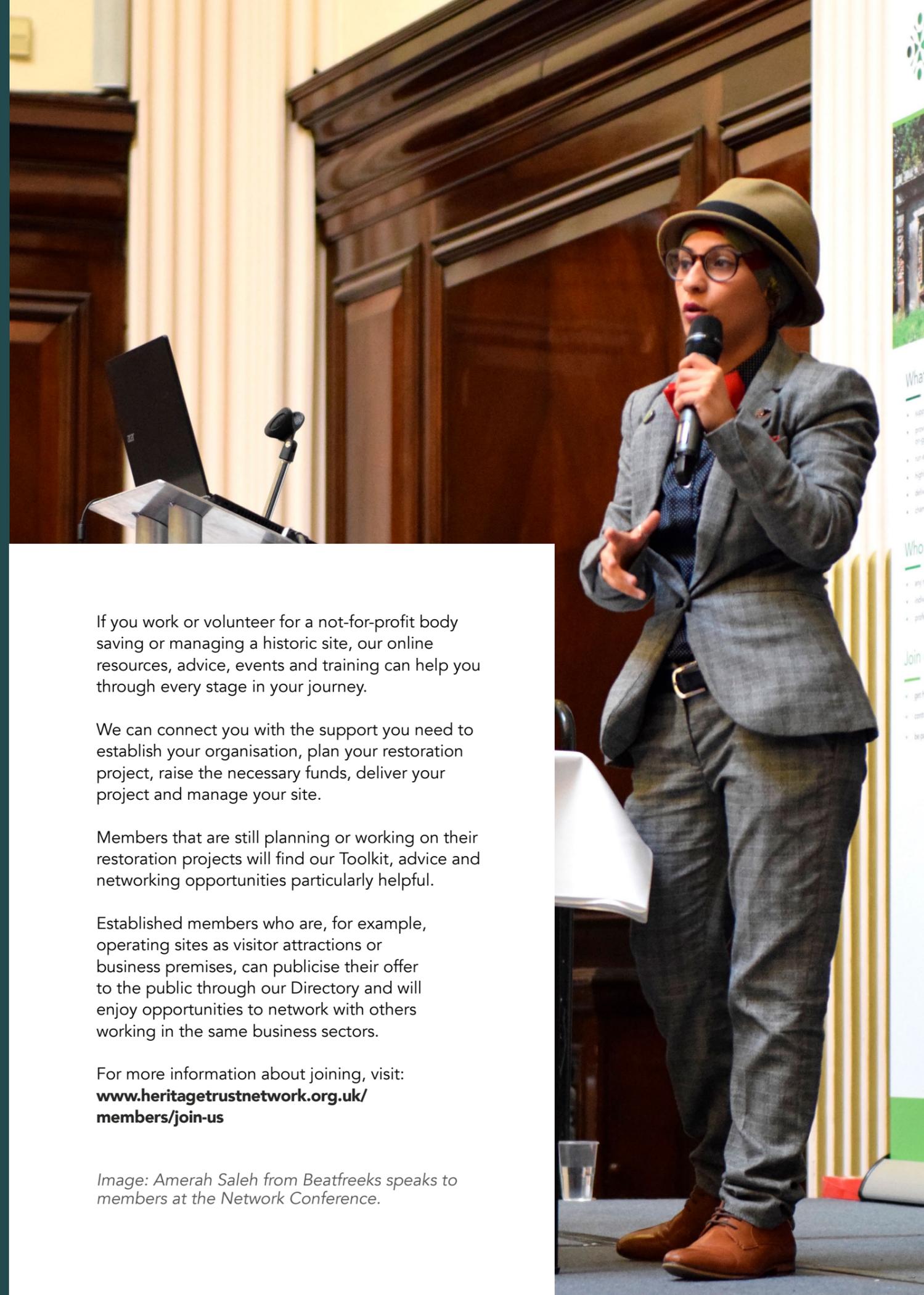
Receive  
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members' newsletters  
with information on  
funding, events, training &  
sources of support



Promote your work to  
**28,000+**  
annual website visitors



Opportunity to attend  
**30+**  
learning & networking  
events each year



If you work or volunteer for a not-for-profit body saving or managing a historic site, our online resources, advice, events and training can help you through every stage in your journey.

We can connect you with the support you need to establish your organisation, plan your restoration project, raise the necessary funds, deliver your project and manage your site.

Members that are still planning or working on their restoration projects will find our Toolkit, advice and networking opportunities particularly helpful.

Established members who are, for example, operating sites as visitor attractions or business premises, can publicise their offer to the public through our Directory and will enjoy opportunities to network with others working in the same business sectors.

For more information about joining, visit:  
**[www.heritagetrustnetwork.org.uk/  
members/join-us](http://www.heritagetrustnetwork.org.uk/members/join-us)**

*Image: Amerah Saleh from Beatfreeks speaks to members at the Network Conference.*



*We have been very pleased to be a member of HTN. It has helped us find professional support, meet likeminded people, attend some very informative webinars and access resources such as their Toolkit. We no longer feel alone on our saving heritage journey.*

**JAYNE ALLMAN – CEO,  
FOUNDER & BUSINESS ADVISER**

## Banana Enterprise Network

Banana Enterprise Network was started by husband and wife team, Christopher and Jayne Allman, with the aim of reducing poverty and creating work opportunities for unemployed people. In January 2020, whilst looking for premises for the charity, Jayne spotted Grade 2 listed “Rock Hall” in Farnworth – one of the top ten most deprived areas of the UK – and immediately fell in love with the building despite its state of disrepair. She could see the potential and has a clear vision for creating a self-sustainable, viable, community focused ‘destination venue’ including a café/bistro, heritage room and shop, function room and training rooms.

For more information, visit:  
[www.bananaenterprisenetwork.co.uk](http://www.bananaenterprisenetwork.co.uk)



*The Network provides a fantastic forum to share experiences and gain learning from a peer group whose different perspectives and approaches to common problems helps put things into context.*

**ANDREW McCONNELL  
– DIRECTOR**

## Glasgow Building Preservation Trust

Glasgow Building Preservation Trust is an independent charity which seeks to rescue, repair and restore historic buildings at risk across the city. They work with many groups and partners to give redundant buildings a new purpose and return them to their communities.

The Trust believes that the retention of Glasgow’s historic built environment is pivotal to a sense of place and contributes to making the city a beautiful and vibrant place to live, work and visit. Without the Trust’s interventions many fine buildings and landmarks would have been lost.

The Trust also organises the annual Glasgow Doors Open Days Festival in September, which celebrates and promotes the city’s architecture and rich built heritage.

For more information, visit: [www.gbpt.org](http://www.gbpt.org)

*Image: Alisdair Woodburn*



*Membership of the Network is relevant and valuable no matter what stage of evolution the organisation or heritage project is at. The sharing of knowledge amongst the HTN ‘family’ helps to sustain enthusiasm and inspiration.*

**ALAN CLARKE  
– CHAIR, MANAGEMENT BOARD**



*Connecting with others in the network who are at different project stages means we learn all the time, and can give and receive solidarity and support! We’ve gained confidence and been inspired with new ideas from unexpected sources.*

**KAREN CHALK  
– PROJECT COORDINATOR**

## R-Space Gallery

R-Space Gallery is a visual arts and cultural charity that occupies the ground floor of a listed building in the heart of Lisburn’s Historic Quarter. The building’s ground floor is a purpose-designed arts space, and the charity’s ambition is to restore and re-use the currently vacant and semi-derelict first and second floors. Using a social economy model, these spaces would become income-generating studios targeting the creative sector, with surplus funds invested back into the gallery’s community arts engagement activity.

The Linen Biennale Northern Ireland is an initiative of R-Space Gallery. It draws attention to linen and flax fibre, reinforcing the cultural celebration of Lisburn’s history through three key themes of Recall, Rethink and Reform.

For more information, visit:  
[www.rspacelisburn.com](http://www.rspacelisburn.com)

## Circus Eruption

Circus Eruption is an inclusion charity that uses circus to build confidence, resilience and a sense of belonging, particularly among young people who face challenges.

They needed a big room to run their circus workshops and after a long search and some serious due diligence they took the step of purchasing a Grade II listed former church in April 2019.

With the first phase complete, they will begin using the main space for workshops. A longer training and renovation project will bring the second ‘mission hall’ space back into use in the coming years. Circus Eruption’s initiative has secured the future of the building and enables their work in the community to be sustainable and flourish.

For more information, visit:  
[www.circuseruption.co.uk](http://www.circuseruption.co.uk)

# PARTNER & PARTNER PLUS MEMBERSHIP

## Businesses

*Partner* is the membership category for businesses supporting the Network.

*Partner Plus* is for those businesses who want to have a really deep relationship with the Network, sponsoring multiple events, providing speakers and other benefits for our members.

For businesses operating in the heritage sector, joining the Network is the ideal way to show your support for community heritage and make contact with hundreds of potential customers. Whether you are a consultant, architect, financial advisor, specialist contractor or technician you can link up with hundreds of community heritage projects throughout the UK.

Participating in our events provides a platform for you to showcase your work and network with fellow professionals. Membership provides you with the ability to advertise your job vacancies on our website and newsletters.

You can apply to join our Talent Bank and, subject to references, join an exclusive list of trusted and recommended suppliers and get notifications of invitations to tender from our members. If you make an offer to our members (for example, 30 minutes of free advice) you could develop dozens of new relationships with potential customers.



Promote your business to

**400+**

organisations that are planning or implementing heritage restoration, and a further

**100+**

individuals and businesses



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**30+**

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## Experience Heritage

Experience Heritage, based in York, brings history to life by creating digital media for heritage interpretation.

They specialise in 3D modelling, photogrammetry, augmented reality, and mobile applications helping their clients create immersive and interactive experiences to engage audiences and make cultural heritage more accessible.

Their backgrounds in digital technologies and archaeology enable them to understand the specific needs of the heritage sector.

This combined speciality saves time and money, allowing clients to better engage with their audiences, ensuring crucial funding for conservation, expansion and upkeep.

For more information, visit: [experience-heritage.com](http://experience-heritage.com)

## Greenwood Projects

Established in 1986, Greenwood Projects are a leading provider of construction consultancy services throughout the UK. They specialise in supporting 'Third Sector' clients, with particular emphasis on heritage and restoration; community and charity projects; and ecclesiastical projects for a variety of faith groups.

They have a specialised team dedicated to supporting clients with project development, helping with funding, project scoping, governance, evaluation and business planning.

Greenwood's 'Fit for Funding' service has been developed to both empower and support people in the development of projects and the application of funding grants. Every project is unique and a customised approach gives projects the best chance of success.

For more information, visit: [greenwoodprojects.com](http://greenwoodprojects.com)



*Being a Partner member has been a great way for us to connect with one of our target markets. In fact, it has proven to be one of the most successful ways for us to connect with heritage professionals who are seeking digital solutions for their sites but aren't sure where to turn.*

BETHANY WATROUS – DIRECTOR



*Membership has enabled us to meet a network of other organisations in the sector and learn from their experiences. Events and training sessions have helped us keep up to date with industry changes and strategic considerations.*

CHIARA TIERNAN  
– MARKETING MANAGER

# SUPPORTER MEMBERSHIP

## Individuals

Supporter is the membership category for individuals. If you are a professional working, or starting your career, in the heritage sector, or just want to support community-led heritage, Supporter membership is an ideal way to extend your network of contacts and stay up to speed about developments in the field.

For freelance consultants, Supporter membership is a cost-effective way of participating in the Network if you are not yet ready for Partner membership.

Supporter members can attend our Network meetings where you can meet other professionals in the sector, find out about our members' projects and challenges and hear talks from leading experts.

Receive our member newsletters with all latest news about our members, funding opportunities and policy developments. Join our online community to discuss the latest issues facing the sector.

## Students

Supporter membership is free for students. Joining the Network is a great way to build your knowledge of the heritage sector, make contacts and find out about jobs and volunteering opportunities.



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## Hanneke Booij

Hanneke is a PhD student at the Department of History, Heritage and Politics at the University of Stirling, and is funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council through the Scottish Graduate School of Arts and Humanities.

In collaboration with Glasgow Building Preservation Trust, she is investigating resilient, sustainable, and creative futures for small Scottish heritage organisations with social purpose.

Her work examines heritage organisations, heritage futures, sustainability, sustainable communities, participation, ethnographies, and creative methods.

For more information, visit:  
[www.stir.ac.uk/people/1458428](http://www.stir.ac.uk/people/1458428)

## Suzanne Wenczek

Suzanne is a heritage consultant and project manager in the West Midlands and Welsh Marches. She often works with smaller trusts and charities who are facing the challenges of developing and running building preservation projects whilst scaling up organisationally and remaining economically viable.

Often these trusts are already HTN members, who find the peer-to-peer support and resources offered invaluable in meeting these challenges.

She also works and volunteers with new groups who may need some initial support to source funding, structure themselves appropriately and take on heritage assets.

For more information, visit:  
[www.bearwoodltd.co.uk](http://www.bearwoodltd.co.uk)



*Student membership has been a real gateway into the heritage sector and has proven invaluable to my research. Membership has provided me with access to resources and to their fantastic online network of small heritage organisations. I can highly recommend student membership!*



*Becoming a 'Supporter' member of the HTN has given me the opportunity to access high quality, sector-specific training and, as I generally work on my own, I really enjoy being part of a friendly, wider network of people that share my interests.*

# MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

	Connect	Network	Network Plus	Partner	Partner Plus	Supporter
	Free	£100	£250	£250	Bespoke (from £1,000)	£75 (free for students)
Regular branch meetings to network with other members	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Discounted entry to our popular annual national conference and other events		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Member-only newsletters	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Heritage Trust Network advocating on your behalf	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Access to our new online Network Hub to chat with other members and get advice	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Access to our extensive Toolkit of advice and information	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Introductions to three projects similar to yours	✓	✓				
Basic listing of your organisation in our Members' Directory	✓					
Enhanced listing in our Members' Directory		✓	✓			
Access to advice from industry experts		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Themed meetings for similar organisations		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Advertise your staff and volunteer vacancies		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
A range of special offers and discounted services from sector specialists		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Opportunity to have your news featured on our website and newsletters	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Access to a special networking group for Network Plus members			✓			
Listing on our 'Partner Businesses' website pages			✓	✓	✓	
The opportunity to advertise your services in the Talent Bank			✓	✓	✓	
Opportunity to make promotional offers to our members			✓	✓	✓	
Notifications of Invitations to Tender			✓	✓	✓	
Opportunities to present your business services at Network meetings			✓	✓	✓	
Priority opportunity to sponsor Conferences and other events.			✓	✓	✓	
Additional guest tickets to events so you can invite clients			✓	✓	✓	
Free promotional package at conference					✓	
Corporate volunteering opportunities			✓	✓	✓	
Listing as a Partner on our website home page					✓	