

## Associate & Membership Criteria

### Would you like:

- The right to vote at LVSTC formal meetings, to elect and stand for the Board, and for any other committee set up by LVSTC.
- Free publications.
- Monthly e-Newsflash on activities of European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN).
- A free entry in the annually published London Training Directory of over 100 voluntary sector training providers.
- Priority for:
  - Place at events
  - Information about interested transnational partners
  - One-to-one advice sessions at LVSTC
  - Project visits
- Reduced fees for study visits.
- Invitation to special meetings for consultation on policy developments.
- Access to LVSTC internal policies.

### LVSTC aims are to:

Increase funding available to London's voluntary sector training providers from Europe and elsewhere

Promote and increase the amount of high quality voluntary sector training run by and for disadvantage groups in London

Promote partnership between local authorities, colleges, Learning Skills Council (LSC), the European Union, government the private sector and others to secure maximum European and other resources for economic regeneration programmes.

Highlight issues of concern to voluntary sector training providers, working with these groups in a democratic and accountable way

LVSTC is now extending membership beyond registered charities training the unemployed to voluntary organisations combating social exclusion through training the unemployed and/or the vulnerable employed.

### Membership Criteria:

Applicants for LVSTC Full Membership will be required to give evidence of having the following:

- A written constitution confirming status as a voluntary organisation
- A volunteer Board/ Management Committee the individual members of which have no direct financial interest
- A written Equal Opportunities Policy updated on a regular basis
- A written statement outlining the applicant's commitment to combating social exclusion
- A current training programme for the unemployed or vulnerable employed in London

### Associate Criteria:

This status is for organisations or individuals who do not define themselves as community or voluntary sector but who would like to benefit from LVSTC's services. Associates receive the same benefits as the Full Members, except for:

- the right to vote in formal processes
- one-to-one surgeries
- discounts on study-visits

### Application Procedure:

- All applicants for membership must complete the LVSTC Membership Application Form, and pay the Renewal/Full Membership or Associate Status fee before the application may be considered by the LVSTC Executive
- The LVSTC Board has final discretion on the acceptance of members

**For further details and an application form for Associate or Full Membership please contact Clayton Elliott on 020 7249 4441 or email [claytone@lvstc.org.uk](mailto:claytone@lvstc.org.uk)**