

# ***Centre for Independent Living Kent (CILK)***

## ***Membership and management structure***

As an organisation of disabled people, control rests with disabled people. This is achieved by a two-tier membership structure in which only disabled people can become full voting members. Non-disabled allies are welcome to join as associate members and lend their support if they are in agreement with our stated aims. Membership of CILK is free.

An elected Management Committee of full members manage and oversee the day-to-day affairs of the organisation on behalf of the membership.

Paid staff and volunteers, working on different projects and priorities, set by the management committee and line managed by the chairman or his/her deputy.

Membership of CILK is open to anyone aged 18 years or over who lives or works within the geographical boundary of the county of Kent, which includes Medway.

If you would like to become a member or would like to become involved in the work of the organisation, please contact by any of the following ways.

**Telephone:** 01622 355777

**Fax:** 01622 690012

**Address:** c/o British Red Cross Headquarters, 25 College Road, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6SX

**E-mail:** [enquiry@cilk.org.uk](mailto:enquiry@cilk.org.uk)

**Apply Online as follows:**

## **Our aims and objectives are:**

- to promote the active participation of disabled people within the county of Kent in the provision of facilities and services that facilitate their independence in daily living as full and equal citizens in all aspects of life,
- to support individuals wishing to live independently;
- to ensure that the views of disabled people are taken account of;
- to change the attitude of others towards disabled people;
- to demand that the way disabled people live their lives is determined by themselves and not by professional bodies or institutions of any kind;
- to remove all constraints and barriers imposed on disabled people by society as regards education, access, transport, employment and leisure activities.

## **Conditions of membership:**

To join **CILK** you must be aged 18 or over and live or work in the geographical county of Kent, including Medway. You must also agree with the 'objects' of CILK as set out in the Memorandum of Association.

**These being:**

a) to provide means by which disabled people can take control over their own lives, achieve full participation in all spheres of society, and effect changes in how they are viewed and treated.

b) to provide encouragement, assistance, advice, information and enabling support and assistance services to individuals wishing to live independently, by means of exercising choice and exerting control over their own life and lifestyle, and to raise the expectations of disabled people, individually and collectively, and ensure that their voice be heard.

To be a full member you must be a disabled person who embraces the Social Model of Disability (whatever your impairment - sensory, physical, learning or 'hidden').

Non-disabled people may join as associate members and can participate fully in our activities but they are not entitled to vote. This is to ensure that CILK remains in the control of its disabled members.

Members are required by law to agree to pay up to £1 in the event of CILK being wound up. Members are entitled to receive notice of and attend any meetings called by CILK and will from time to time receive these and other mailings.

Members are welcome to contact the Management Committee or visit the office by appointment. If you experience any problems we will try to help. If you want to assist in the day-to-day running we are glad of any extra help.

Groups, professionals, elected members of councils, members of parliament who wish to be involved in their professional capacity can be placed on our mailing list but cannot become members.

**PLEASE NOTE**

In order to get the best out of the organisation and make it our own we all need to contribute to its development.

The Management Committee looks forward to working with you to this end if you decide to join us.

Registered Charity Number: 1107079.

Company Registration Number. 4854897

## **CILK Online Membership Application Form**

**I confirm that I am aged 18 years or over and live or work within the geographical boundary of the county of Kent, including Medway.**

**I agree with CILK's aims (as detailed above) and wish to become a member.**

**Surname**

**Other names**

**Address**

**Post code**

**Phone (optional)**

**Fax (optional)**

**Minicom textphone (optional)**

**E-mail (optional)**

**Do you consider yourself a disabled person who embraces the Social Model of Disability?**

- YES: Confers full membership with the right to vote.
- NO: Confers associate membership, with no voting rights.

**Please indicate which format you need information sent in:**

- Standard Print
- Large Print
- Audio Tape
- Braille Other, please state