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FOOD & DRINK FEDERATION
MEMBERSHIP



Food & Drink Federation Membership

FDF represents companies of all sizes, across all sectors of the industry. Those include cereals, confectionery, snacks and crisps, bakery, fish and seafood, frozen, beverages and many others.

What is FDF?

FDF is a membership organisation working for and representing the food and drink producing and importing community. We are funded by member subscription and represent the UK business of over 300 companies. Our members range from global brands to ambitious, growing SMEs, to sole traders.

What we offer

- › Technical and regulatory tasks can effectively be outsourced to FDF as our teams work behind the scenes to keep your products on shelves
- › We help you deal with challenging media issues - we will always take the lead on industry crisis management acting as the wave breaker when bad news could damage individual companies
- › Access to FDF experts on many technical, trade and regulatory issues
- › Exclusive networking opportunities and discounts on events and essential training

- › Opportunities to meet senior retail buyers at our Sales Directors' Forum
- › Access to our extensive links in Westminster, Holyrood, Cardiff & Brussels
- › Ensure your voice is heard on important issues affecting food and drink businesses
- › Take advantage of partner offers on services, information and other events

We work in partnership with other key players in the food supply chain to ensure our food is safe and that consumers can have trust in it.

How much does it cost?

Membership is calculated as a proportion of turnover and membership starts from just £225 per year.

FDF membership can save your business the cost of consultancy fees and members can benefit from discounts on events both provided by FDF and by our partners.

NEW Brexit focus

We convene the Food and Drink Industry Round Table, a group of 50 trade associations representing the food and drink supply chain. The group meets at FDF on a monthly basis to discuss matters of shared concern on exiting the EU with senior Government officials. Where appropriate, it develops shared positions relating to the needs of the largest manufacturing sector in the UK as we seek a new relationship with the European Union.



Taking Part

FDF offers a wide range of working groups and committees where you can keep up to speed on the topics most relevant to your role.

Committees are informative but also act as a sounding board to help formulate industry reaction to new legislation and policies. They are also a chance for you to network with industry peers, hear from expert speakers and share best practice.

Most of our groups are open to all FDF members. A small number that are part of specific associations are not open meetings.

Food Safety & Science

The Food Safety and Scientific Steering Group aims to maintain confidence in the food supply chain, influence the regulatory and policy environment in which the industry operates and enhance industry's approach and response to scientific and regulatory issues.

- › Allergens Committee
- › Emerging Issues & Incident Management Committee
- › Food Contact Materials Committee
- › Food Hygiene Committee
- › Food Ingredients Committee
- › Food Law & Labelling Committee
- › Residues & Contaminants Committee
- › Analysis & Measurement
- › Animal Feedingsuffs
- › Genetic Modification

- › Novel Foods
- › Pesticides
- › Technical Standards

Competitiveness

- › Industrial Strategy Group
- › EU Exit Committee
- › Employment & Skills Forum
- › Graduate Excellence Industry Support Group
- › Workforce Food Supply Chain Group
- › Trade Administration & Customs
- › Innovation Group
- › Occupational Health & Safety
- › Food Engineering Innovation
- › SME Forum
- › Trade Committee

Diet & Health

The **Diet & Health Committee** works towards our industry's commitment to being a leading positive contributor to the health and wellbeing of the nation.

- › Nutrition Committee

Sustainability

The **Environmental Regulation and Policy** committee aims to provide a strategic and proactive lead on sustainability and environmental issues, and its areas of work include: climate change, energy, packaging, food waste, water, environmental regulation, transport, natural capital, sustainable supply chains.

FDF events & training

FDF offers a very full events programme ranging from training to topic based events and industry networking opportunities. FDF members enjoy preferential rates on many of our events. All events are listed on our website and bookings can be made online at fdf.org.uk/events.

How else can I benefit from membership?

Aside from our manufacturing, producing and importing members, we also have a professional affiliate membership. Affiliate members are professional advising companies and suppliers to the food and drink industry and include banks, legal firms, insurers, equipment/supplies manufacturers and energy companies.

Many of our affiliates provide free or discounted services to FDF members.

Environmental Management

SLR Consulting is an environmental and energy consultancy which has many years' experience supporting the food and drink industry to comply with legislation and reporting schemes and reducing operational and compliance costs. SLR offers FDF a free environmental helpline consultation.

Facilities & Infrastructure

ACO Building Drainage is a specialist in the development and manufacture of hygienically engineered drainage systems for the food and drinks industry. FDF members can take advantage of a free-of-charge drainage assessment and provide guidance on best 'drainage' practice.

Finance

Santander offers a one month trial to our Trade Portal, free International Expansion Plans to any SME looking to expand into foreign markets.

Insurance

FDF affiliate member **Square Mile Broking** has designed a corporate insurance scheme for FDF members with discounts of up to 40% on some premiums.

Intellectual Property

Nucleus IP - Introduction to the Trade Mark process and more: FDF members will have access to general UK and international advice from a professional trade mark search and secure service. FDF members to be offered a discounted rate for any chargeable services secured as a benefit of their membership.

Manufacturing Support

Aktrion Food provide on-site services such as facilities management, hygiene cleaning, waste management, planned maintenance, pack & despatch and engineering services on a contract basis. Aktrion is offering FDF members a Free 1-2 Day Site Survey by experienced operational professionals followed by a full presentation on potential productivity improvements and cost reductions.

Market Research

Statista provides users with an innovative and intuitive tool for researching quantitative data, statistics and related information. The Statista Consumer Market Outlook provides data on market sizes and forecasts for more than 150 consumer products. Statista offers a 20% discount on corporate memberships for FDF members.

PR & Reputation Management

Finn Communications is a specialist food and drink PR consultancy that uses innovative communications to drive business growth and protect reputation.

Finn provides corporate, trade and consumer PR to clients including Yorkshire Tea, Taylors coffee, Quorn Foods, Seabrook Crisps, ADDO Food Group and Nestle and Cadbury ice creams. Finn offers reputation management workshops free of charge to FDF members to understand potential threats and opportunities for your brand and how to address these.

Room Hire

Queen Margaret's University (Scotland) offers FDF members a 20% reduction in the cost of conference/meeting room hire at the University.

Museum of Brands (West London) offers a 15% discount to FDF members on room hire.

Enjoy office space in Central London...

Make yourself at home at our members' hub in our Holborn office. Help yourself to a nice cup of coffee or tea, find a place at one of our 'Town Hall' tables or comfy chairs and enjoy a catch up with your colleagues or FDF.

So whether you are looking for a place to stop between meetings in London or simply want to pop in, then just get in touch with FDF's reception so we can get you on the security list.

... And reasonably priced meeting facilities

All member companies are entitled to one free meeting room booking per year in our spacious conference facilities and further bookings are at preferential member rate. Free bookings are on a first-come-first-served basis per company.



What this means for my business

Depending on which part of your business you work in, these are just some of the ways that FDF membership can help:

1) Keeping you up to speed

Our technical experts work behind the scenes to horizon scan issues that can impact on food and drink manufacturing. These include a potential food safety crisis; changes to legislation that impacts on product; commodities; operations or work force; media crises or just helping you to make sense of the vast array of regulatory issues that impact our industry from the UK or EU governments. Members can sign up to a range of tailored email alerts.

2) Making sure your voice is heard

We make sure that industry's voice is represented at Westminster, Holyrood, Cardiff and Brussels and that the decision-makers are aware of how changes will positively or negatively impact the UK's largest manufacturing sector.

3) On-hand technical expertise

Our FDF technical experts cover issues on food safety, labelling, nutrition, trade policy, commodities (sugar, palm oil), energy, environmental and sustainability, skills and HR/workforce issue.

4) Understanding the retail environment

Although we do not make direct links with retail buyers for our members, we keep an overview of trends and help facilitate conversations through our Sales Directors' Forums and retail focused events. We also work with our professional affiliate members who offer retail insights and market trend information.

In addition, we work closely with the Groceries Code Adjudicator who helps to ensure that retailers comply with the Groceries Code over their treatment of suppliers.

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