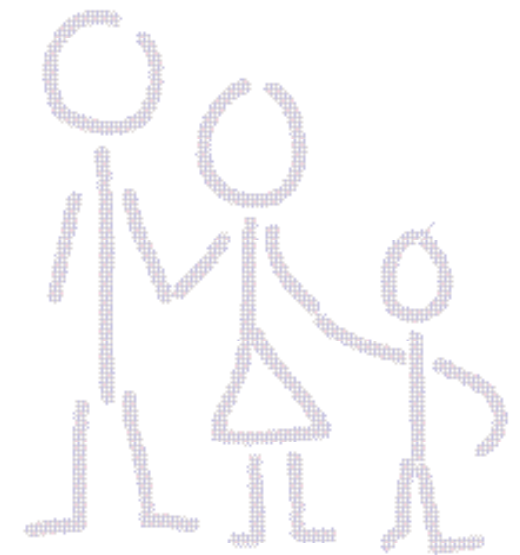


IRISH FOSTER CARE
ASSOCIATION

A QUESTION OF MEMBERSHIP



Method of Payment

NB - Do not send cash

Cheque/Bank Draft PO/MO
Direct Debit Credit/Debit Card

Credit Card No. _____ Exp.Date _____

Signature of Cardholder _____ Security Code _____

Voting Register

For those who are taking out Family
or Group Home membership.

Please complete below the details of the two
persons who are being nominated to vote.

These names will be placed on the register of voters.

Name _____
(please print)

Name _____
(please print)

These names will be the only ones entitled to vote and
may be altered with notice in writing to:

**IFCA Office, Pharmacy Corner, Mayfield Tce.,
Ballinteer Rd., Dublin 16.**

(N.B. please return this section with your membership
Application/Renewal form).



Irish Fostercare Association
The Pharmacy Corner, Mayfield Terrace,
Ballinteer Road, Dublin 16.
Tel: 01 296 1094 Fax: 01 296 1078
Email: ifcaannette@eircom.net Website: www.ifca.ie

INSTRUCTIONS TO YOUR BANK TO PAY DIRECT DEBITS

Please complete parts 1 to 4 to instruct your bank to make payments directly from your account. Then return the form to the Irish Fostercare Association Ltd.

Irish Fostercare Association Limited,
Originator's Identification Number:

Originator's Reference:

1. Please write the name & full postal address of your bank & branch

Breda O'Donovan, 7 Endsleigh Drive, Carragline, Co. Cork.
ID 301909
I.F.C.A.

2. Name of Account Holder

3. Sort Code

Account Number (banks will only accept instructions to pay direct debits from Current Accounts)

4. Your instructions to the Bank & Signature:

a. I instruct you to pay direct debits from my account at the request of the I.F.C.A. b. The amounts are variable and may be debited on various dates c. I understand that the I.F.C.A. may change the amount and dates only after giving me prior notice. d. I will inform the bank in writing if I wish to cancel this instruction. d. I understand that if any direct debit is paid which breaks the terms of this instruction, the bank will make a refund.

Signature(s) _____

Date: _____

What does the **Irish Fostercare Association believe?**

The I.F.C.A. believes that every child has the right to a caring and functioning family.

Where this is not possible with its natural parents, the Association believes that the child has a right to a substitute family.

What are the **aims** of the **I.F.C.A.?**

I.F.C.A. was formed in 1981:

- To co-ordinate the work of all those interested in fostercare.
- To provide a forum through which they might promote more effectively, the welfare of children already in fostercare and of children who should be given the opportunity of fostercare.

What does the **I.F.C.A.** offer **me?**

- Support
- Information to: members, foster carers, relative carers, social workers and the general public
- Training & Training Materials
- Independent mediation
- Independent confidential support where an allegation is made
- Seminars and conferences
- Videos
- Newsletters
- Publications
- Public liability insurance for activities of affiliated I.F.C.A. branches
- Legal expenses insurance for foster families against whom an allegation of abuse is made

Why become a **member** of the **I.F.C.A.?**

By your membership of the I.F.C.A., you are joining others interested in working for the best interests of children in care.

Legislation policies, standards of practice, all ultimately affect the child in our care. As responsible workers and carers, it is essential that we are, at the very least, aware of these effects. As a member of the I.F.C.A., you will have a strong voice in influencing improvements in the quality of fostercare.

How do I **join I.F.C.A.?**

Membership of the Association is open to individuals, groups or societies;

- involved with children who are in the care of the HSE,
- who's aims and policies are compatible with those of I.F.C.A.
- in related academic fields.

We have 3 membership categories as follows:

a. **Individual:**

An ordinary member is a individual, over 18 years of age, who has paid their subscription. An ordinary membership entitles and individual to one vote. **Fee: €45**

b. **Family:**

A family membership is open to any family group, one of whom shall be over eighteen, who have paid their subscription. It includes all members of a family permanently residing in the family home. The family membership entitles the family to two votes. The persons to exercise this right shall be over eighteen years of age, nominated by the family and be placed on a register of voters at time of joining or renewal of membership of the I.F.C.A. **Fee €55**

c. **Group Home:**

A group home membership is open to any children's residential unit, which has paid its subscription. It includes all residents and employees of a group home, one of whom shall be over eighteen. The group home membership entitles this unit to two votes. The persons to exercise this right shall be over eighteen years of age, nominated by the group home and be placed on a register of voters at time of joining or renewal of membership of the I.F.C.A. **Fee €100**

You may pay by direct debit through your bank (see attached direct debit form) or directly to the address at end of Membership form. Please do not send cash through the post.

IFCA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel. No.: _____ Branch: _____

Foster Carer Relative Carer Social Worker Other _____

(please tick one)

Membership Category: Individual €45 Family €55 Group Home €100

(please tick one)

I/we agree to abide by the rules & regulations of the Irish Fostercare Association.

Signed: _____ Date: _____