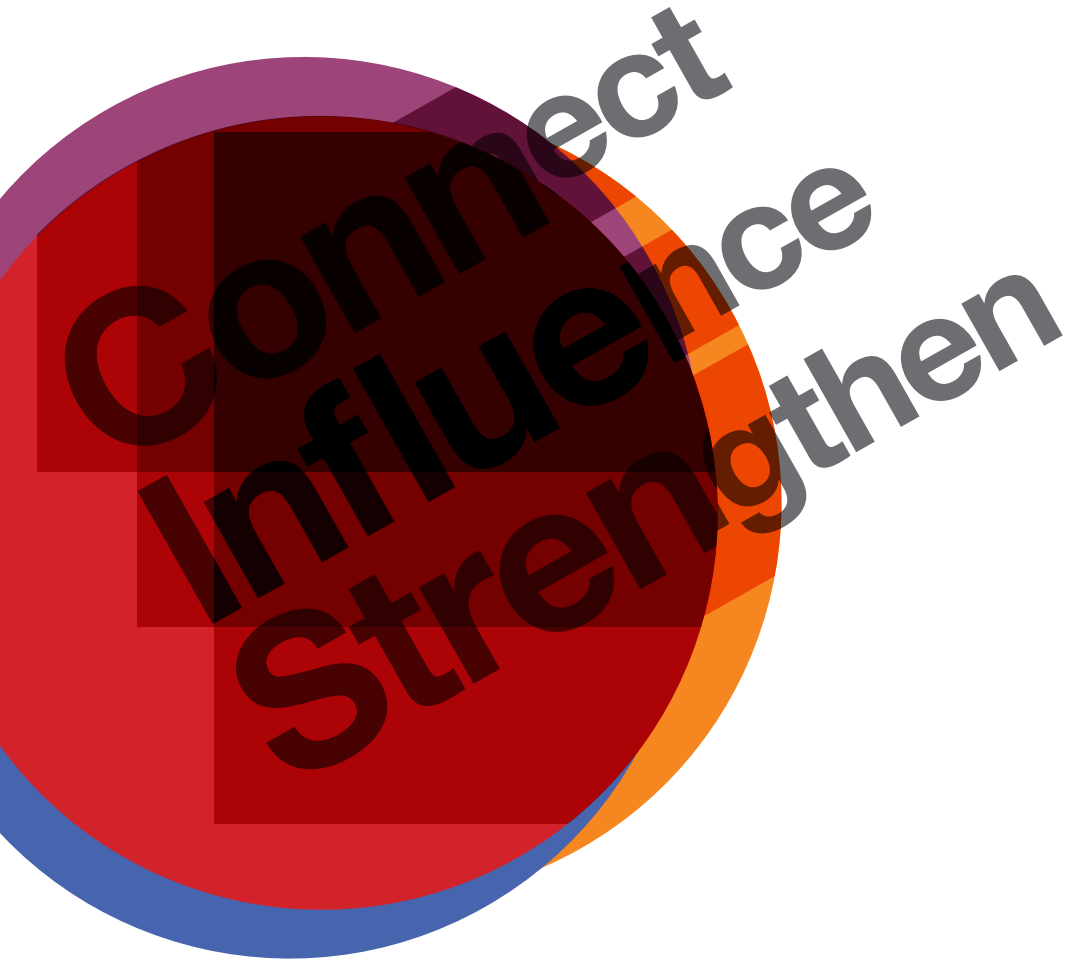


The membership network for the
UK international development sector



Be part of something bigger...

“Bond is a vital and strong voice, working on behalf of the whole sector, to articulate the case for development and help demonstrate the difference its members are making in the lives of poor people around the world.”

Richard Miller, Director, ActionAid

Why join us?

With over 350 members, ranging from the largest household names to the smallest community-based organisations, the Bond network is a dynamic community representing the diversity of the UK's international development sector.

Being part of Bond will help you connect and collaborate with like-minded organisations, strengthen your knowledge and expertise, and influence key decision-makers at national, European and global levels. Through Bond, you can build your skills, add value to your work and that of the sector and help shape the direction of development by sharing practical knowledge and resources.

The logo features the word "Connect" in a large, bold, sans-serif font. The "C" is dark blue, while the rest of the word is grey. The text is overlaid on a graphic of two overlapping circles: a larger light blue circle and a smaller dark blue circle that partially obscures the "C".

Connect

Bond can help you link up with organisations working on similar issues or in similar locations, matching expertise and sharing resources to maximise impact.

Our member-led working groups cover a range of interest areas including conflict, environment, disability and funding, and are a vital part of the Bond network.

Joining a group allows you to increase your outreach and knowledge, discover what work other members are doing and get directly involved in the issues that are relevant to your organisation. Groups also enable you to build your capacity and that of the sector and actively use your expertise to influence policy-makers.

bond.org.uk/groups

Other ways to connect and network through Bond:

Online

Our website provides a flexible online space for members to connect, engage in discussion and share information and resources.

Annual Conference and AGM

A unique, free opportunity to get together with your peers, this event consistently attracts high calibre speakers and provokes stimulating debate.

Open training programme

Our training courses give you the opportunity to meet your peers and learn together.



Influence

Get involved in action by Bond members and wider civil society to influence the policies and practice of governments and institutions at national, European and global levels.

Our unique position in the sector allows you to directly influence policy decisions which are difficult to access as a single organisation, giving you a voice among key decision-makers.

We facilitate, coordinate and lead collaboration, enabling members to share expertise and information, form collective policy positions, organise advocacy and campaigns and act together to bring about change. Joining a Bond Group is one way to do this (see 'Connect'). We actively promote consultations on issues that affect the sector and encourage members to get involved in the public policy making process.

bond.org.uk/campaigning
bond.org.uk/policy

“Bond reminds us that we are part of something much bigger. Through its leadership, Bond supports strategic thought and action making the whole sector much more than the sum of its parts.”

Prof. Lawrence Haddad, Director,
Institute of Development Studies

Strengthen

Our comprehensive learning and training programme will help you invest in the skills of your staff, build their knowledge and improve the quality of your work and that of the wider sector.

Improving your impact and effectiveness

Accountability, transparency, quality and effectiveness are fundamental to the international development sector. The Bond Effectiveness Programme will help you to demonstrate your impact as an organisation, and provide advice and support on how to improve to it further.

bond.org.uk/effectiveness

“As a small organisation, we’ve found Bond’s training, in particular, to be of great value for us. It also provides us with a welcome forum to discuss cross-sectoral issues with others.”

Deborah Doane, Director, World Development Movement

1/3 discount on training

Open training programme

Our courses will enable you to share practical skills and up-to-date real world knowledge through active learning and participation. They cover the issues that matter to international development organisations, reflect the latest thinking, and are delivered by skilled trainers who are experts in their field.

In-house training

With our flexible and cost-effective in-house training service we can tailor training to your organisation’s needs and deliver it in-house to suit you. Your staff can learn together, saving you time and money.

We can also help you access **consultancy and mentoring** services.

bond.org.uk/learn

Get the latest news and access other benefits and resources

The Networker

Bond's free quarterly magazine showcases and explores key issues, emerging debates and news from the sector.

Online resources

Including 'How To' guides, training resources and directories.

e-bulletins

A number of free, regular updates covering a range of topics from jobs and learning and training opportunities to international campaigning.

Discounts on...

Advertising

In print, e-bulletins and online.

EC Funding Advice Line

Offering specialist support in applying for, managing and reporting on EC grants.

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“Bond provides a space where agencies can come together to discuss critical policy, organisational and funding issues. It also provides groups where NGOs working on similar issues can support and challenge each other.”

Caroline Harper, CEO, Sightsavers

“Really it's the tangible side of Bond membership which we value most. From low-cost training opportunities to finding office volunteers. From collaborative working groups to facilitated peer-learning sets. Bond helps us do more for less – and to do it better!”

Nik Kafka, Managing Director,
Teach a Man to Fish

How to join

To be part of this dynamic and evolving network your organisation must be:

- based in the UK
- non-governmental
- non-profit distributing
- non-partisan (motivated by broadly humanitarian and developmental objectives, which should not be secondary to partisan political or religious aims).

If your organisation is eligible, applying for membership is easy.

Visit bond.org.uk/membership for full details on membership types, fees and deadlines, and a step-by-step guide to help you through the online application process.

Or, contact the Membership and Communications team:
membership@bond.org.uk
020 7520 0259

Membership is open to organisations of all sizes. If your organisation works to support NGOs through funding, research, training and other services, ask us about Associate Membership.

“Bond provides an essential forum for learning, linking and debate, giving voice to all its members as part of a shared response to the challenges of international development.”

Julian Gore-Booth, Interim Chief Executive, STARS Foundation

bond.org.uk/membership