

## Welcome to Bond!

Congratulations on your new role! We hope you're finding your feet.

Great news – the organisation you've joined is a Bond member. This means you have access to a huge range of fantastic member benefits. Whatever your role and wherever you are in your career, we have support for you.

As you settle in, why not take some time to look around, join our working groups, sign up to attend our events and explore our resources. Everything you need to get started with Bond is here to help you.

**We are so excited you're with us!** If you have any questions – no matter how big or small – we're here to help [membership@bond.org.uk](mailto:membership@bond.org.uk)

### What is Bond and what are my benefits?

Bond is a diverse and vibrant network of NGOs each dedicated to international development and humanitarian responses. For more than 30 years, we've been driving collaboration, sustainable development, humanitarian action and locally led solutions.

We're here to support you in your work and you can become involved in a number of ways:

- Peer-to-peer working group spaces on a whole host of topics – everything from advocacy and policy through to HR, safeguarding and media. Whatever your area of specialism, we'll have a group for you. They are spaces where you can share questions and challenges and meet with other organisations working in your area.
- Events with specialist speakers on a vast array of topics, dive into our sessions to get support with everything from changes in charity law through to sector benchmarking, scenario planning and practical support with cross border payments. Often run together with a range of corporate partners, you can benefit from their expertise and insight and take away practical, actionable information to make sure your organisation stays ahead of the curve. With many including Q&A sessions, you can ask the questions to make sure you get the detail you need.
- We also offer access to discounted training opportunities and job advertisements, resources, opportunities to provide blogs and take part in media opportunities to showcase your work, specific content for senior leadership, sector analysis and information, sign on letters and much more to come.

### How do I register for an account?

To access all your benefits, you'll need access to the Bond community. You can register by [creating an account](#). You will simply need to provide your name, email address and organisation name. Here, you will also have the opportunity to sign up to [Network News](#). This is our weekly newsletter and is a great way to keep on top of what's on – we'd recommend checking "yes" on that box. You can unsubscribe at any time. Once registered you can join groups, book events and post job adverts.

**You manage your own individual Bond account to access the platform – there is no organisational level account.** This means you can choose to hear about the items that most interest you, manage your own preferences and sign up to the events that are most relevant for you.

If you previously worked at a Bond member organisation and had an account with us, please get in touch [membership@bond.org.uk](mailto:membership@bond.org.uk) We can edit the details on your existing account and you'll keep your access to the working groups you previously joined and your mail preferences will remain the same.

### **How do I know what's on?**

Our [website](#) is continually refreshed with events, working groups meetings, new resources and information.

A nominated contact at your organisation will receive a monthly email giving a run down for the month ahead including special events, chances to give your views, news, training and networking opportunities and working group updates. Please check with your organisation who receives this and make sure you're on the distribution list.

You can also sign up to receive our weekly Network News newsletter for a snapshot of what's upcoming and choose to join mailing lists specific to your area of work by creating an account and then completing [this form](#).

### **How do I join a group?**

Bond groups are all members only, so you know you'll be in the company of like-minded peers. Select the [group](#) you want to join and click "Ask to join" You will receive an email notification as soon as your request has been approved and you'll be able to interact with the group – ask questions, join events and see files shared by group members. You'll receive email notifications when there is activity in the group so you don't miss a thing!

There is no minimum and no maximum number of groups you can join – please join as many as you'd like. Some groups restrict access to particular role levels and others are private to provide a safe environment for participants. If you'd like to join these groups, the process is the same although you may be asked a couple of quick confirmation questions by email before your access can be approved.

### **How do I register for an event?**

Once you have found an [event](#) you want to attend, click on the Book button on the right-hand side.

You are able to register for multiple participants or alternative participants (i.e. not yourself) on each event, so please do bring a colleague along! A selection of our events are open to all whether a Bond member or not – if you know someone who may be interested in the topic, save them a space!

If the event is fully booked, you will not see the Book button, however for certain events there may be a waitlist available which you can sign up for and be notified if any spaces become available.

### **Where can I find resources to support my work?**

You'll find a comprehensive set of [resources](#) designed to support your work whatever your role on our resources page. Often designed with our working groups, there are reports, webinar recordings, briefings and toolkits. You can filter by topic and resource type to narrow your search. You may also find our [funding](#) page useful – a regularly updated list of funding opportunities. Whilst Bond does not provide funding, we have a range of support available including a number of working groups with this focus.

### **How do I register for training?**

Our training partner INTRAC offers a range of courses. Bond members are entitled to a 10% discount on the published prices. Keep a close eye on the [INTRAC website](#) for all available courses - they are regularly updated with new opportunities being added all the time. Fill in the [application form](#) to get the discount.

### **That's probably enough to be going on with for now!**

We hope you have a great time exploring what we offer. If you'd like more information, why not look out for one of our quarterly induction sessions? These are great opportunity to meet fellow members and the Bond team to learn more about the topic areas we cover and what's coming up.

If you have any questions (and there's no such thing as a silly question, only silly answers) please do just get in touch [membership@bond.org.uk](mailto:membership@bond.org.uk) We're always happy to help!