



GROUP AFFILIATION GENERAL INFORMATION QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q Why would our group want to join The Quilters' Guild?

A Group affiliation is a response to Patchwork and Quilting groups who wish to be independent but struggle to obtain insurance cover at a reasonable cost. By joining, your group becomes part of The Quilters' Guild.

Q How much will it cost us?

A An affiliated group pays £75.00 per year.

Q What is included in the Group Affiliation contract?

A The group receives Public Liability Insurance cover for the following:

- Regular group meetings held in a public place such as a village or church hall. These meetings are intended for your members only – however we do appreciate that you may invite potential new members to attend your meetings in order to see if they wish to join. This is allowed for 2 visits only, then they must either join your group or cease their visits to your members only meetings. If non-members attend more than twice then your groups insurance cover will be void
- Up to five exhibitions/events (which may be held in a different venue) open to the public per year. Further events open to the public can be covered at a cost of £10.00 per event.
- Committee meetings (which may be held in members' homes).

The insurance covers your group for claims for injury to third parties, for member to member liability and damage to third party property. Speakers and tutors are also covered. The limit is £10 million for each claim, with a third-party property damage excess of £250. There is no excess for personal injury claims. By centrally negotiating this extension to The Quilters' Guild insurance policy to cover the activities of Affiliated Groups we believe we can make a considerable saving for your group and you will receive the additional benefits plus regular contact with The Quilters' Guild as a bonus. **Quilts are not covered by this policy** and we advise that members should ensure they have adequate All Risks on their own household cover.

Your nominated point of contact must provide an email address to receive correspondence including a copy of your Regional newsletter sent by email. Individual members of your group are invited to sign up for the Guild's regular e-newsletter which will keep them in touch with Guild news and activities. <https://mailchi.mp/quiltersguild/newsletters> As group contact you agree to provide this link to all your members.

Affiliated Groups making an advance booking for a Curator's talk and visit to The Quilters' Guild Collection in York, will receive a discount of 20% on the standard charge. www.quiltmuseum.org.uk/about-us/group-bookings Affiliated Groups can also book the Collection's Travelling Trunks at the 'Guild rate'. www.quiltersguild.org.uk/news/view/travelling-trunks

Q Why do groups need public liability insurance?

A The owner(s) of the building in which you are meeting should have their own public liability cover, but this only covers some types of accidents (e.g. a broken floorboard causing a fall). The group itself would be responsible if, for example, someone tripped over equipment belonging to the group such as an electrical cable or a quilt stand. Most groups are 'unincorporated associations' which means that legally every member is responsible if someone is injured at one of your meetings or events. This liability is unlimited, so the members' own money and assets are at risk in this situation. Therefore, it is a wise precaution for your group to have its own insurance cover.

Q What is the difference between Affiliated Group Membership and Individual membership?

A Members of Affiliated Groups do not become individual members of The Quilters' Guild and are not entitled to receive the Quilter magazine, reduced admission rates for Guild events or to priority booking for Festival of Quilts or to enter Guild exhibitions and challenges which are benefits available to individual Guild members.

Affiliated groups do not have a vote at the AGM.

Q Are there any restrictions on what our group can do if it joins The Quilters' Guild?

A Your group can continue its normal activities. You are free to raise funds for other charities although, as a charity itself, The Guild would welcome any fundraising you might like to do for us, too. Your money remains under your own control and is not in any way part of Guild finances.

Q What do we have to do to qualify?

A Groups must have no more than 199 members and must be involved in patchwork and quilting (which includes all the techniques associated with patchwork and quilting) noting that we cannot accept general craft or needlework groups. Groups must have a constitution to apply for Affiliated Membership and help in setting this up is available free from The Quilters' Guild. This can be downloaded from the Group Affiliation page on our website. A group opening a bank account will normally find their bank asks for a Constitution, so we believe we are helping groups to achieve good business practice.

Q How does our group join?

A Where possible, please apply on line where you can upload your constitution for prior approval. Once approved, you will be sent a link to complete the application process and make your payment using a credit/debit card.

Or Decide who is to be your contact and complete the Application Form on page 3 of this document and send it to us at the address at the foot of this page with your payment for £75.00 and a copy of your Constitution. Please ensure you provide an email address for correspondence.