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# SIAA Members' Pack

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Scottish  
**Independent  
Advocacy**  
Alliance

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## Vision and Mission

### Vision

A Scotland where independent advocacy is available to strengthen everyone's voices

### Mission

Actively influence, support and maintain high quality independent advocacy which upholds people's human rights

### Key stakeholders

- SIAA members
- Statutory sector
- Public sector
- Third sector & civil society
- The Public



### Core work

- Promote
- Support
- Advocate

### Values

- Inclusion
- Equality of opportunity

### Strategic goals



Relationship building



Growing grassroots independent advocacy



Evidencing quality



Promoting independent advocacy



Safeguarding independence

 Find out more: <https://www.siaa.org.uk/about-us/>



# Meet the Team!

Supporting  
Promoting  
Advocating

## SIAA's Board

SIAA's Board is responsible for the organisation's strategic direction and governance. The Board currently has 9 members (+2 in recruitment), who are elected annually from SIAA's membership. There are also two co-opted Trustees that bring a range of expertise to the role.

### Elected Board Members:

- Arlene Astley, Treasurer
- Heather MacMaster
- Neill Clark
- Muleya Mundemba
- Polly Patrick
- Kyna Reeves
- Mary Sneddon
- Tracey McFall, Chair

### Co-opted Board Members:

- Clare Gallagher, Vice-chair
- Jill Stavert

## SIAA 's Staff Team

People responsible for the organisation's operations.

**Administrative and Finance Officer** - Nicola Mcphail

**Engagement and Quality Officer** - Marta Wittek

**Development Manager** - Rhona Willder

**Learning and Development Officer** - Liisa Lehtinen

**Chief Executive** - Suzanne Swinton

# Member support and resources

**Members' area** on SIAA's website is where we share events, news about SIAA and independent advocacy, and support resources for organisations.



Ask your manager or SIAA Liaison for login details!

**Learning resources:** We are currently working on developing e-learning modules on independent advocacy. In the meantime, we focus on peer learning and share external training resources on a regular basis.

Member Resources section contains responses to consultations and policy briefings.

**Peer support:** SIAA organises regular peer support sessions on Zoom. They include a session for Advocacy Leaders and several groups dedicated to different areas of independent advocacy provision.

**Networking:** Member can attend trainings, events and roundtables to discuss the practice and challenges of providing independent advocacy.



**Guidance:** SIAA's Information Hub contains best practice guidance including the **Principles, Standards and Code of Best Practice.**

## Member feedback on peer support sessions

"it was a nice informal chat sharing experience"

"I found the ideas from the other organisations have inspired me and they have given me new ideas use in my organisation and in my practice"



 Find out more: [www.siaa.org.uk/member-home/](http://www.siaa.org.uk/member-home/)

# SIAA's Work and Member Involvement

**SIAA's work is largely shaped by our Members.**

**To get involved, you can:**

- Attend AGMs and vote
- Nominate prospective Board members
- Attend SIAA events and provide feedback
- Make sure the information about your organisation is up-to-date
- Respond to surveys and calls for evidence
- Co-create independent advocacy learning
- Tell us about relevant training that is currently missing



## **Widening the access to quality independent advocacy**

SIAA lobbies the Scottish Government, Parliament, Commissioners other and key decision makers to widen access to independent advocacy.

We do this by sharing the difference it makes in realising people's human rights and pointing out the gaps in independent advocacy provision, and gathering evidence. It is made possible by your help!

**You can get involved by:**

- Sharing your expertise at a roundtable
- Submitting a case study for us to use in our policy work
- Let us know about your successes and challenges in independent advocacy provision

# Membership Fees and Structure



Membership invoices are normally issued once a year, and should be paid before the end of each financial year.

## Context

In 2023, SIAA introduced a new tiered membership fee structure based on the annual turnover of our members.

The aim was to make SIAA more accessible to smaller organisations, while allowing us to grow and develop as a sustainably funded, independent organisation.

It will also further ensure that SIAA can continue to respond to the membership needs.

## Membership Tiers and Annual Fees

Tiers	Member's annual income	Fee
Tier 1	<£50,000	£0
Tier 2	£50,001 - £100,000	£104
Tier 3	£100,001 - £300,000	£156
Tier 4	£3,00,001 +	£208

# Contact and enquiries



To keep up to date please sign up to members bulletins and login to members area of the website. Links and details below.




For general enquiries, please get in touch via email.


**Email:** [enquiry@siaa.org.uk](mailto:enquiry@siaa.org.uk)

**Phone:** 0131 510 9410

**Events:** [events@siaa.org.uk](mailto:events@siaa.org.uk)

Sign up for our monthly newsletters!

 [Members only bulletin sign up](#)

 [Monthly general bulletin sign up](#)



Use your member organisation or group's unique login to sign up to events, browse news and access resources available on the members only area of the SIAA website. The SIAA Liaison in your organisation can provide login details.

**Members area:** [www.siaa.org.uk/member-home/](http://www.siaa.org.uk/member-home/)

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