



Queensland Facilitated Training (FCT) Inc

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: _____ Date: ____/____/____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

I am applying for :

FCT Users Membership of Qld Facilitated Communication Training Incorporated , I confirm that FCT is my main communication strategy. (I understand that I can only vote if I am over 18 and permitted by Law). **FREE**

Junior Membership of Qld Facilitated Communication Training Incorporated. I am under 18. **FREE**

Ordinary Membership of Qld Facilitated Communication Training Incorporated, (I am over 18 and permitted by law to apply for membership) I understand that I can only be elected to management or a Committee if I have attended Basic FCT.

\$20 per year Payment method: cheque direct deposit cash

SEND Page 1 ONLY with payment of \$20 for ordinary members e.g. professionals, support workers, family group.

Cheques payable to: **Qld Facilitated Communication Training Incorporated and mailed to: REGISTRAR, QLD FCT Inc, PO Box 942 Maleny, 4552 or fax to (07) 5429 65553**

Or **direct deposit** to; BSB: 638 010 ACC NO: 11188030 Heritage Bank
(please put your name in reference field)

I agree to abide by the constitution and the objectives as stated on page 2 & 3 of this membership application and will endeavour to follow to the best of my ability, the principles of the Qld FCT inc standard and ethics training. I understand my responsibilities, obligations and rights as a member and enclose the applicable membership fee for the class of Membership I am applying for. I understand that the fee will be refunded if this application is not accepted.

Applicants Signature.....Date.....

Proposed By.....

Signature.....Date.....

Seconded by.....

Signature.....Date.....

Note: Only current financial members may propose or second an application for membership. The applicant will be notified in writing regarding the approval or otherwise of this Application for Membership. Notice of due fees and notices of all General Meetings will be forwarded to all members.

Are you happy for other Association members to have access to your contact details i.e. address, email.

Yes No

If you are a professional would you like your business details to appear on the website to be available to other members: Yes No If yes please give details you would like to appear: Professional details, address website, areas of speciality etc,

What is your current Level of Training? No formal training in FCT FCT Advanced Workshop
FCT Basic workshop FCT Instructor Worksho

Objectives of the Queensland Facilitated Communication Training (FCT) Inc

1. To provide sustainable support and training for Facilitated Communication Training (FCT) users and their facilitators in Queensland.
2. To promote the best ethical practice in the delivery and implementation of FCT.
3. To promote equitable access to FCT throughout Queensland.
4. To enhance and ensure optimal independence of FCT users.

Benefits of being a member of Facilitated Communication Training (FCT) you will:

- Receive the newsletter
- Have access to a Members Only area of the website. (this is planned for 2012)
This will include:
 - Access to contact information of other members (as permitted by those members)
 - Be able list professional details
 - Contribute to an events calendar and a moderated discussion group
- Have access to the current information in the area of facilitated communication training and resources held by the association library.
- Receive a discounted rate for training events offered by the association
- Have the opportunity to network with people who use facilitated communication training and others who support them.

Standards Ethics and Training

FCT Values

- To Communicate is the most basic human right
- "Communication falls into the same category as food, drink and shelter- it is essential for life" Ann MacDonald 1992
- Communication enables people to make choices, share ideas, knowledge, demonstrate the understanding, opinion and interact with others, socially, academically and as a member of the community.
- FCT is an access strategy enabling some people to communicate.

FCT Principles

Autonomy

- FCT users have the basic human right to communicate
- The right to self determination and autonomy
- Communication partners need to ensure autonomy by creating an environment which fosters access to communication equipment access to recognised training and documentation which supports FCT.

Justice

To provide accurate information, documentation and training protocols in Queensland strongly support processes that maximise independence through the use of:

- The least level of physical and interactional support
- Complementary use of other AAC Strategies

Responsible Care

To ensure responsible care is taken to provide FCT. It is the FCT Instruction to assess candidates for FCT.

Advanced facilitators have the skills to provide practical training of facilitators.

Experience over the last 20 years has shows internationally without out this model for the responsible use of FCT the chances of minimising harm to users, facilitators and others is significant.

Standards

Some people with complex communication needs have the need of a partner to enable them to communicate.

The person who provides this support fills the role of facilitator

The basic principles of facilitation are

1. The individuals' own movements is functional and not lead by the facilitator
2. The individual makes his/her own choice of communication response
3. The individual controls the direction of movement and his/her movements must be stronger than the facilitator's
4. The facilitator gives the minimum assistance required
5. The facilitator works toward the individual being able to communicate independently
6. Physical facilitation is reduced once the individual shows signs of independence
7. Demonstrate highest levels of competent Facilitation Practice
8. The facilitator pay a degree of attention to validation
9. Facilitators need to recognise and acknowledge the boundaries of their competence
10. FCT is a strategy that we are gaining more knowledge about constantly, it will be important to keep abreast of developments and changes/improvements in Training in order to maintain best practise.

The Ethical guidelines for FCT include:

1. Confidentiality will be respected at all times. Protecting privacy may extend to ensuring safeguards.
2. Assessment documentation will be referenced with permission and completed by recognised advanced FCT facilitators.
3. Training will be undertaken by all facilitators on a competency basis.
4. Maintaining facilitation skills and knowledge about the FCT strategy will be undertaken regularly by facilitators maintaining currency of knowledge.
5. Facilitators to maintain a log/record of training and updating of skills.
6. Influencing communication will be minimised both by the type of interaction and physical support provided.
7. Integrity, to protect the individual and privacy.
8. To be accountable for the facilitation we are using.
9. Maintaining a level of integrity and professionalism.
10. Documentation will be done regularly to support goals that are specific, measurable, attainable, realistic and timely.
11. Empowerment of the FCT user will be promoted through best practice and pragmatic use of communication strategies of which FCT is one component.
12. Opportunities will be provided in order that FCT users practice accessing their communication and are able to access their communication.
13. Accuracy and objectivity will be promoted in the interpretation of communications.
14. Dignity and respect for the individual to be maintained at all times.