

BENEFITS & LEVELS OF MEMBERSHIP

THE SOCIETY AND ITS OBJECTIVES

The Society of Garden Designers was established in 1981 and is the only professional body in the UK dedicated solely to garden design. It is active both nationally and internationally, promoting its aims through The Garden Design Journal, workshops, seminars, conferences and links with the construction industry.

The Society includes membership categories for Students, Graduates, Correspondents and Registered Members. Only Registered Members are approved by the Society as garden designers and only this category of membership is promoted by the Society as providing a full professional service in all aspects of garden design.

The key aims of the Society are:

- to promote excellence in garden design
- to recognise and promote Registered Members and Fellows as professional garden designers.
- to serve its wider Membership

The organisational structure of the Society includes a core unpaid Council of 9 members, including Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Honorary Secretary, and full time paid administrator. Many events throughout the UK are organised by unpaid regional coordinators. All Members are governed by the Society's Constitution and Code of Conduct. The Society's head office is at Katepwa House, Ashfield Park Avenue, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire HR9 5AX; email info@sgd.org.uk or sgd@assocmanagement.co.uk; tel 01989 566695.

BENEFITS OF JOINING THE SOCIETY

The Society is non-profit making with all membership funds raised directed to furthering the aims of the Society.

As a member of the Society you will receive :

- The Garden Design Journal. If you already subscribe you can claim a pro rata refund when you join.
- The Society's newsletter, Vitis.

You will also get access to:

- The Members section of the Society's website which includes useful downloads and guidance on issues such as fees, insurance, terms of engagement.
- The online forum where you can get help from other members and discuss current issues.
- Continuing professional development through national and regional workshops and seminars.
- Discounted rates to the Society's national conferences and all workshops and seminars.
- Discounted or free entry to any events and trade shows supported by the Society.
- Invitations to special events run by suppliers and supporters of the Society for Members
- Supportive professional regional network groups.

Additional benefits for Registered Members:

- Use of MSGD or FSGD after your name.
- Use of the Society's Registered Members' logo.
- Inclusion of your details in The Directory of Registered Designers.
- Inclusion of your details on the web site which receives over 500,000 hits per month
- Exposure to potential clients through regular advertising in key gardening magazines and media endorsements in gardening articles.
- Access to supporting packages tailored to Registered Members.
- Free legal helpline
- Business opportunities & competitions

Additional benefits for other members

- Only two years work experience needed before applying for Registered Membership for Graduate members only.
- A supportive route to Registered Membership for all members.
- Recruitment opportunities
- Student Membership is open to students on garden design or landscape architecture courses.
- Student Members are entitled to reduced fees at conferences and some of the regional seminars

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

REGISTERED

Registered Members are recognised by the Society as professional designers. Only Registered Members can use MSGD after their name and the society approved logo. They are listed in the Directory of Registered Designers. Registered Membership is open to established garden designers. Applicants are assessed by the Society's adjudication panel. Graduate Members must have two years full time work experience before applying and Correspondents must have three years experience before applying. Established designers who meet the work experience requirements do not have to be Members of the Society prior to applying for Registered Membership. However, applicants will need to attend an Open Forum, or present a letter of recommendation from a Registered Member who knows their work well and has seen and approved the work that they will be presenting at the Adjudication.

The Society also welcomes qualified landscape architects. It recognises that there are many landscape architects who have an interest in and commitment to garden design and invites them to apply for Registered Membership.

Forum for Adjudication fee:	£95 inc vat	(£114 inc vat non-member fee)
Adjudication administration fee:	£195 inc vat	
Annual Membership subscription:	£245 inc vat	

FELLOW

Fellows are Registered Members. Fellowship recognises the time, energy and commitment someone has given to the society. Only fellows can use FSGD after their name and the Society approved logo. They are listed in the Directory of Registered Designers. Fellows are Registered Members of the Society nominated by at least two Fellows and approved by Council.

Annual Membership subscription: £245inc vat

CORRESPONDENT

Open to anyone who does not currently qualify for any of the other classes of membership. Correspondents require at least three years work experience before applying for Registered Membership

Annual subscription: £85 inc vat

Overseas subscription: £92 inc vat

GRADUATE

Open to graduates from a University accredited garden design or landscape architectural course. A copy of the qualification certificate must accompany the application.

Annual subscription: £85 inc vat

Overseas subscription: £92 inc vat

STUDENT

Open to all students on garden design or landscape architecture courses in the UK. Proof of student status on such a course, showing start and finish dates and the title of the course from your college is essential.

Annual subscription: £49 inc vat

Subscription to Journal only

Receive the Garden Design Journal ten times a year.

Annual subscription:

UK £45

Europe £55

Rest of World £62