

National Federation of Builders

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Who are the **NFB**?

The National Federation of Builders (NFB) is the construction industry's longest established trade association. We exist to represent the industry, pushing for positive change for our members and supporting them to comply with industry standards, excel in delivery, and grow successful businesses.

With members ranging from sole traders, to national corporations turning over in excess of £1billion, we are well placed to influence key decisions at all levels in the best interests of our members and the industry as a whole.

As an organisation, we have a national board, regional boards and sectoral groups. Our team organise and facilitate a range of webinars, workstreams, forums & events across the UK every single year.





Supporting your business

Whilst other associations like to talk a lot about what they are going to do, we've been on the ground putting those words into action for years.

Being a member of the NFB means you can access a huge range of benefits to support your business, some of which are completely exclusive to us.

Let's get started, shall we? ●●●

Policy **Advocacy**

A significant part of our service offering for members is the policy work we undertake on your behalf. We are members of various industry groups including the Construction Leadership Council, where we have 2 representatives. We also provide representation on the leading industry bodies such as the CIJC, CLG, CONIAC, amongst others. We have almost daily contact with colleagues across Government departments.



As an NFB member, our policy team will provide briefings on topics that are relevant and specific to your organisation, and ensure appropriate lobbying on your behalf.



We respond to numerous Government consultations, Parliamentary enquiries and other policy feedback mechanisms to defend against what we see as unfair threats to construction businesses and promote better ways of regulation on your behalf.



Construction Industry Joint Council (CIJC)

The NFB is one of the adherent bodies to the CIJC, which negotiates the industry's Working Rule Agreement. We represent employers at the CIJC and formulate a negotiating position to aid with the process.



As an NFB member, you will also have opportunities from time to time to serve as one of the two NFB employer representatives. If this is something that yourself or a colleague would be interested in, please do let us know.

CITB



One of our core goals at the NFB is helping to create a future workforce that is both sufficient in size, and also suitable in qualification and training. Our Major Contractors Group has taken the lead on this, recently developing an industry-leading policy paper on suggestions to reorganise the CITB.

You can read the paper and the numerous recommendations [here](#).



We have received endorsement from the House of Lords Built Environment Committee, along with several other trade bodies who wish to support our efforts and have written to respective Ministers. We intend to submit the document as part of the statutory review of CITB, called the 'ITB Review'.



We also have a working group focused on assessing the effectiveness of the Apprenticeship Levy, which the Government has admitted needs to be reviewed. We recently ran a "Future Skills Workshop" at Moulton College, which was attended by the Construction Minister. The outcomes of this event are being drafted into a report to cover the hard and soft skills needed, and to help inform Government policy on work readiness when entering the industry.

Skills, Training, Advice & Guidance



We know that it can be expensive when things go wrong. But it's also incredibly time consuming having to train & upskill new team members when you have multiple projects to complete.

That's why we offer a whole suite of training options for your colleagues. From basic compliance training all the way up to senior leadership and management courses, we've got you covered.



Our training is discounted for members and can be done both in-person and online, depending on your preference. To access the full catalogue of what we offer, [click here](#).

- *As a member, your colleagues also have access to a variety of Health and Safety advice, guidance, and strategic consultancy services. Whilst we appreciate that you may have teams in place, we are always available to provide reassurance and resources to give you peace of mind.*
- *Your membership also gives you unlimited access to our dedicated helpline at no extra cost. This is manned by expert providers and covers CITB Grants & Funding, HR, Legal, Environmental, Health & Safety, Technical, Procurement, Insurance, Finance and Taxation. Simply call 03450 578 160 and we will we will put you in touch with the correct person to help.*



Delivering a Low Carbon Future

With a huge push towards more sustainable solutions over the coming years, NFB's Major Contractors Group has taken the lead on assisting members with decarbonisation. The group has published two reports on low carbon, which include various case studies, practical advice and tools that can be put to good use across your business and supply chain.

You can view and download that [for free here](#).



This year, the group will focus on developing a handbook on digital, data and technology to improve efficiency and productivity, and we'd be delighted to invite contributions from our members during the drafting process.



Industry Publications

The NFB publishes digital, print and hard copy versions of leading publications for construction, including **Britbuild Magazine, Heritage Magazine and the House Builders Association Magazine**. Members can access electronic copies of these within the **Newsletters and Publications** section of their member area.



Members can also get involved by providing comments, interviews or features to gain more industry exposure and credibility across the industry. Our team of writers will also be on hand to support any member that doesn't have in-house copywriting resource.



Dedicated Sectoral Groups

The NFB represents contractors and housebuilders, including members from some of the country's largest organisations. To cater for the diverse membership and their specialties, we run five sectoral groups to specifically pursue the policy needs of each. These include:



Each group has a dedicated board or group of members to direct activities and each group feeds into the governance of the NFB, ensuring you are offered benefits that are relevant and valuable to you.

- **Major Contractors Group (MCG)** – for main contractors turning over upwards of £40m.
- **Heritage Group** – for members who undertake projects on heritage and traditional buildings.
- **House Builders Association (HBA)** – for house building members.
- **NFB Cymru** – for our Welsh members.
- **Ground-working and Civils** – for our members who undertake ground-working and civil engineering.

We encourage all members to participate in the relevant groups.

Events, Awards & Forums



We run a range of events and awards ceremonies throughout the year in some of the UK's most prestigious venues. As part of your membership, our tickets will either be free or discounted, dependent on the event.



- Our flagship events **The Construction Summit** and our **Construction Awards of Excellence** take place every year in April, with the 2023 conference focusing around people, culture, and digitalisation.
- September sees us host our **Heritage Conference**, where we will celebrate some of the country's most notable heritage projects and welcome presentations from leading heritage clients.
- This October we will also be launching our inaugural **Top 100 Influential Women In Construction** event in Manchester. These awards will celebrate the changemakers and future industry leaders pushing for diversity and inclusivity across the construction sector.
- Every six months we hold our **Large Contractors Forum**, which is a policy-led event focusing on some of the most pressing challenges. Previous speakers have included the Construction Minister, the Employment Minister, and the Prime Minister's Net Zero Champion.

Find out more about our events [here](#).



Networking

We are immensely proud of the community we've built here. That's why we launched an initiative to bring together construction professionals regularly to share best practice, network, and develop professionally. These networking meetings take place monthly via Zoom, and include an expert speaker for each meeting, followed by networking opportunities in breakout groups.



The groups cover HR, Health and Safety, Women in Construction and Marketing. If these are of interest to any of your team, you can find the dates and register for the specific sessions [here](#).

Products & Discounts



NFB members get exclusive access and discounts to a range of preferred publications, memberships, products & services designed to fuel your business growth. Some of these include:



- Access to TradePoint Membership Cards for your team
- 10% discount on products from B&Q or TradePoint with no minimum spend
- A free, no-obligation Health Check on their existing insurance to assess exposure and identify any gaps in cover.
- 25% off membership of Constructionline.
- Dedicated training providing specific advice to maximise your return on your CITB levy. Free training courses and places are also available.
- 20% discount on joining CHAS for qualifying members and 10% for your CHAS renewal.
- Discounts on debt collection fees.
- Fuel Card discounts which can save you up to 10p per litre.

You might also want to check out our NFB branded products, such as a suite of insurance products (insurance backed guarantees, structural defects warranties, and road, sewer & performance bonds) called NFB Shield.

We also have a free procurement portal service which your account manager can guide you through during your check-ins.

Our Core Values



Fuelling Growth

Supporting members throughout Covid-19 and driving profitability through expert consultancy, guidance & resources.

Delivering Change

Reconstructing the CITB and regular lobbying on behalf of our members to protect their best interests, whilst supporting innovation and sustainability across the sector.

Championing Inclusion

Launching our inaugural Top 100 Influential Women In Construction awards, alongside regular virtual networking, roundtables & events designed to inspire the leaders of tomorrow.



What our members say

Representing construction companies for over 150 years



“We are long standing members of the NFB and value it not only for the membership services which benefit Contractors of all sizes, but also for its core values which align closely with our own business values. One of the primary functions the NFB does extremely well is representing the Contracting arm of our industry, be that lobbying government or other large institutions to ensure our interests and concerns are heard.

Our region also maintains active, so members have regular opportunity to meet, network and share ideas for the good of the industry. In our opinion, these combined benefits have been of even helpful in recent years when advice and guidance on Covid-19 SOP, changes in trade regulations following Brexit and tips regarding fixed priced Contracts/fluctuations etc. have been invaluable so from our perspective membership is even more worthwhile”.

Andy Laflin | Director | MCI0B

“The NFB is one of the leading bodies in the Construction Industry. It provides invaluable advice to businesses both large and small, and excellently represents the needs of its membership.

I particularly valued the way the NFB engages with key decision makers and is able to lobby on important issues affecting the construction industry. I also enjoyed the camaraderie and the way I could engage with such a wide cross section of the sector.

I was proud to be a member of the NFB.”

Simon Carr CBE | Former MD of Henry Boot Construction

“I have attended a handful of the NFB Peer Support groups this year and all I can say is – sign up now! The benefits are so worth it, getting to listen to and communicate with industry leaders about relevant issues and subjects, as well as amazing networking opportunities. I have formed relationships with people who I would have probably never met if I didn’t attend these groups. So thank you NFB!”

Bluebell Salem-Owen | Marketing & HR Manager, Gray & Sons Builders Limited

Our **Vision**

To help our members build prosperous businesses and create optimal conditions for the construction industry.





How do I become a member?



We thought you'd never ask. Just head to our [website here](#) and fill out the contact form. One of our team will be in touch to discuss your needs and find the right membership level for you and your organisation.

If you're already a member and want to access more of these benefits, please do get in touch.

We're looking forward to working alongside you to help you grow your business and affect real change across our industry.



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