

SSRG Membership - Renewals and Trends

It's the time of year again when most of you will receive a reminder to join us for another year. Margaret Cooney, SSRG membership secretary, discusses arrangements for renewal, and information about the SSRG membership.

With the new rolling membership year, although most of you will be receiving renewals notices in late November, there is a smaller number of newer members who will be invoiced on the date you joined. Once we have your payment for the year we will send you the new password to the website as this will change on the last day of February.

You will be pleased to know that the rate for membership for this year has not increased and remains at:

- group membership with the main member £59 and each subsequent member £44,
- personal membership £54
- fulltime student or unwaged £35

Did you know that:

oIf at any time during the year your details change you can update your own details on the website. (www.ssrge.org.uk)

- There are discussion groups on the website for issues that members want to discuss or share information

- When you cannot attend an SSRG event you can send a colleague in your place and they will receive the discounted rate
- You can send comments to the EC for discussion at EC meetings and the Chair will respond after the meeting - see the website for details of when meetings are
- The EC is always looking for new members - contact the Chair if you are interested (contact m.stevens@kcl.ac.uk)
- If you are planning a workshop or conference in your region you could be eligible for SSRG support (contact any of the EC members for more details)

And, here's a summary of the membership that may be of interest to you: (as of the 24th October 2005)

- We have 379 and we recruited 32 new members during 2005.
- Our members are from 196 different organisations and over 60% are working in local authorities.
- Members are regionally split with the highest

numbers in London and the West Midlands

- The type of work members are involved with includes research and evaluations, performance assessment and policy and planning followed by strategic management, commissioning and contracting and we have an even split in the areas of children & families and adults and older peoples services.
- 87% are British, and 7% are from ethnic minorities.
- 60% are female, 51% are over 45, 87% are White British and 7% are from ethnic minority groups.

If you would like more details of our members, please contact Margaret Cooney, membership secretary on 01273 293739.



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