



**THE SOCIETY OF
MEDIATORS**
218 Strand



Membership Prospectus & Application Form



Mediation is a force for good in this country and the world at large. Practitioners and users recognise its near universal benefits across wide areas of human and corporate disputes, difficulties, and conflict. It is seen as an important adjunct to civil and in some cases criminal justice. In family law and community relations mediation is a major tool for beneficial change and reconciliation or resolution.

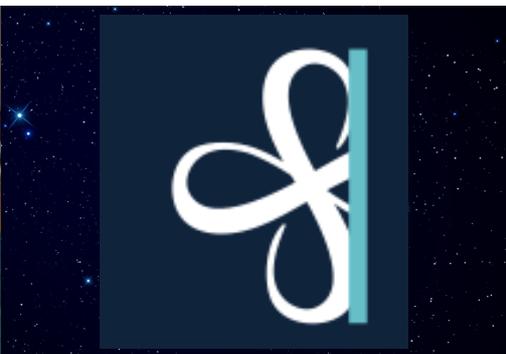
However, the availability of mediation, and knowledge and understanding about it, remains well below its proper place in the public awareness – or indeed in the minds of professionals and government. Some still fear the use of mediation shows weakness or a lack of determination to press on regardless. It is a tree-hugging option when chainsaws are needed to cut down the opposition in the mindset of litigators.

The Society of Mediators, a registered charity, was formed in 2012 with the aim of changing this, of advancing public education and promoting for the public benefit the use of mediation as a real alternative to litigation in conflict resolution. It will also deliver the Free Mediation Project providing access to mediation which is free at the point of use to those who would not otherwise be able to access it through conventional providers.

Finally SoM aims to offer information, training, and awareness within the legal profession & law schools in particular, and to the public generally with the aim of effecting a seed change in the approach to conflict.

"SOM provides the opportunity for mediators in all fields to come together with a view to establishing core values and ensuring that the use of mediation develops in a manner that achieves the domestic and international recognition that mediation deserves."

Sir Peter Cresswell, Patron



Membership of the Society (MSoM)

Membership of the Society of Mediators is open to all accredited mediators as well as Student or prospective mediators.

Membership: £25 + VAT per annum

Benefits include:

- Use of post-nominal MSoM for accredited mediators.
- Priority notification of CPD Courses and other SoM Training.
- Discounted Course Fees (10% off)
- Invitation to the AGM.
- Support & guidance from experienced Mediators.
- Eligibility for the Free Mediation Project Panel - providing mediation and observation opportunities.
- Access to 'Pathway to Professionalism' programme leading to Fellowship (FSoM) of the Society.

Fellowship of the Society (FSoM)

This honour will be conferred on mediators who have met the standards and criteria required of such a status.

Fellowship: One off fee of £200 + VAT

Requirements includes:

- * CMC recognised mediation qualification.
- * Observing three qualifying mediations.
- * Being appropriately insured.
- * Beginning and keeping a reflective diary.
- * Undertaking minimum of 10 mediations.
- * At least 5 to be pro-bono mediations.
- * Attending an Advanced Course (12 hrs).
- * Completing annual CPD training (6 hrs).
- * Writing a 2,000 word mediation paper.
- * Satisfying a panel of sufficient merit.
- * Includes all the benefits of membership plus the use of the post-nominal FSoM as a mark of competence, experience, knowledge, and commitment.

Membership fees can be paid via www.218Strand.com

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The Society of Mediators Membership Application Form

I wish to join the Society of Mediators as a Member.

I acknowledge that in order to use the post-nominal MSoM I must meet the required criteria in that I have passed a CMC recognised mediation training course, have undertaken the relevant observations and am appropriately insured.

I confirm that I have paid my membership fee via the SoM website.

Signed Dated

Title First Name

Surname Telephone

email

Home Address

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..... Post Code





The Free Mediation Project (FMP)

What is the FMP?

The Project is a remarkable development in mediation in the United Kingdom, yet is a very simple idea - trained mediators, usually (but not necessarily) in their first few years of practice, give their time for free to promote mediation and to gain experience. SoM will administrate the caseload at no cost as part of its charitable commitment. It is a condition of use of the FMP by those requiring mediation that up to two trainee mediators ("observers") may be present. Mediation are conducted in English

Who are the mediators?

FMP Panel mediators are SoM members who have been trained to Civil Mediation Council (CMC) standards, undertake a minimum of 6 hours of mediation specific CPD per year, hold appropriate insurance to undertake mediations and are willing to take observers. Panel Mediators are not be paid, but receive travel and out-of-pocket expenses for those mediations undertaken for the FMP.

How do I participate in the FMP?

Mediators who fulfil the above requirements and wish to be considered for the panel should complete an application form (request at SOM@218strand.com) and return it along with supporting evidence to the society.





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