



MEMBERSHIP POLICY

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1 Objectives

The ECO Membership scheme exists to ensure that opportunities exist for ECO Singapore volunteers to be part of a close-knit community, otherwise known as ECO Club (ECO Singapore Members' Club). Members serve as goodwill ambassadors for ECO Singapore and will be developed to be leaders of our mission.

2 Mission statement

The ECO Singapore Members share ECO Singapore's Mission, which is -

To be the leading environmental body advocating sustainable lifestyle for youth, by:

- Challenging youth of age 17-35 to adopt a sustainable lifestyle and embrace environmental issues holistically*.
- Driving local and global environmental initiatives.
- Supporting environmental activities/initiatives as a resource platform involving other environmental stakeholders.

*Holistic – At ECO Singapore, global environment issues are categorised into eight areas: Agriculture, Biodiversity, Energy, Climate Change, Health & Water Sanitation, Pollution, Population and Poverty.

3 Organisation and structure

There are three main categories of involvement for ECO volunteers:

- a. EXCO**
- b. Members**
- c. Ad-hoc volunteers**

4 Membership application

Membership will be open to all.

In the Membership Application Form, for security and administrative reasons, all applicants are asked for their full names, dates of birth, contact details, and other personal information.



Upon submission of the membership application form, the applicant will be added to the ECO Singapore mailing list and will be notified of upcoming Members Induction Programme.

Only upon attending induction programme, is membership conferred.

5 Features & benefits of membership

Membership lasts for 1 year. Members will get priority notice for ECO Club activities and other volunteering opportunities.

Only members have the right to vote, hold an Executive Committee (EXCO) position and take up the highest position in project committees

Note: Mailing list, ECO Club activities and volunteering opportunities are open to all regardless of whether you are a member.

6 Membership Cost

Membership is free as our basic requirement is for our members to contribute their time and energy with passion.

7 Communications

a. Mailing list

The fortnightly ECO Blips e-newsletter will be used to disseminate news on volunteer opportunities and ECO Club activities to all members and supporters.

b. Facebook

All members will be added to the ECO Club facebook group where members can communicate freely with one another. Photos and event notifications will also be posted on facebook.

c. Email

Ad-hoc emails may also be sent from volunteer@eco-singapore.org. We also welcome any feedback from members and volunteers to be sent to us via this email address.



8 Privacy policy

Personal information may have been given to ECO Singapore through the membership registration process. ECO Singapore will not disclose personal details to any third party without prior consent from the member concerned, unless required by law.

Photos and videos taken of our members during ECO Singapore activities may be used by ECO Singapore in the public domain.

9 Renewal of membership

Auto-renewal of membership is subject to the Member fulfilling the following during the previous year of membership:

- a. Volunteered in at least 1 project, and
- b. Attended at least one ECO Club activity

Note: An EXCO member (volunteer manager) will be in charge of updating the database on every member's involvement in the above commitment

Members who have not met the above criteria will be sent a reminder email 3 months before their membership expiry date. If the member still does not meet above criteria upon membership expiry date, without a valid reason, the membership will be allowed to expire.

Former members may still apply for membership again through the usual process.

10 Termination of membership

ECO Singapore reserves the right to terminate the membership of any member with immediate notice if the member was found to have abused his membership to commit acts which violate the law of Singapore and/ or the mission of ECO Singapore and/or the mission of ECO Club.

Thank you for reading the Membership Policy. If you wish to apply to be an ECO Singapore Member, simply fill out this online form: <http://www.eco-singapore.org/membership-application/>