

The Help and Legal Centre of Northumberland

Membership Application

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of The Help and Legal Centre of Northumberland, the corporation that runs The Help Centre and the Northumberland Community Legal Centre.

The objects for which the corporation is incorporated are:

a) To establish, maintain and operate social service agencies for the purpose of:

- (i) providing information, advice and assistance on problems relating to being unemployed or disadvantaged;
- (ii) assisting the unemployed and/or disadvantaged in dealing with Canada Employment, U.I.C., welfare and other appropriate community service agencies;
- (iii) providing a "phone-in" service for the unemployed and/or disadvantaged with problems;

b) To maintain and operate a community legal clinic within and for the benefit of the community of the County of Northumberland:

- (i) to provide, without remuneration, through its staff, legal services to members of the community who do not have sufficient income or assets to enable them to afford the services of independent legal counsel;
- (ii) to provide information to the community of the availability of such services and to encourage the low-income population, through education, training and advice, to actively participate in dealing with problems associated with poverty and social justice as related to the law;
- (iii) to advocate for law reform where it considers that present law does not adequately serve the interests of the under-represented members of the community;

c) Generally, to provide for the welfare of low-income residents of Northumberland County and to carry on service work and community undertakings to assist the low-income residents of the County.

As a member, you will get copies of the newsletters which are produced, plus you will be informed of the date and place of the Annual General Meeting, which usually occurs in September. As a member, you also may run for election to the Board of Directors at the AGM. Directors perform a vital service, by supplying the "community voice" for the Help Centre to help to set its goals and priorities for client services.

If you do not wish to run for the Board of Directors, you can still make a valuable contribution as a member. You may wish to volunteer your time to assist in the office. As issues arise in the community, you may wish to bring these to the attention of the Board of directors, so that appropriate action can be taken by the agency.

We look forward to your involvement in The Help and Legal Centre of Northumberland, and thank you for your commitment to our goals.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please fill in the section below and detach if you wish to become a member, and keep the portion above for your records

I have read and support the objects of The Help and Legal Centre of Northumberland. I am 16 years of age or older, and reside or work in Northumberland County. If you reside outside of Northumberland County, please state the name and address of your employer.

Please Print

Name:	Employer: (If applicable)
Address:	
Telephone(s):	Email:
Signature:	Date:

This application may be mailed or brought to our office. Membership is effective 30 days after final approval by the Board of Directors. **There is no membership fee. Membership is not necessary to get service from The Northumberland Community Legal Centre or The Help Centre.**