FAQs for Volunteer Ambassadors

This list of frequently asked questions is to assist you in your role as an ambassador for the IET through your volunteering, and designed to act as a quick reference guide to enable you to share information when asked about the IET.

Please let us know if you feel it would benefit from any additional information on volunteer@theiet.org

Membership

➢ How do I become a member of the IET?

It’s easy to become a member of the IET, and you’ll find all the information about the types of membership, membership fees, and how to apply on the IET website here: https://www.theiet.org/membership/become-a-member

For information about Fellowship please visit: https://www.theiet.org/membership/become-a-member/fellow-membership

If you’d like to contact someone or view our FAQs on membership, please visit: https://www.theiet.org/about/contact-us/membership

If you’ve previously (within the last 3 years) been a member and would like to re-join the IET please visit: https://www.theiet.org/membership/manage-your-membership/how-to-re-join-the-iet

However, if your membership lapsed over 3 years ago you’ll need to re-apply and meet the current requirements to be a member of the IET. Please find below details on how to get in touch with the Membership team:

Tel no: +44 (0)1438 767678
Email: membership@theiet.org

➢ How much are the current membership fees?

The membership fee depends on the type of membership you’re applying for. For more details and fees please go to: https://www.theiet.org/membership/become-a-member/fees

➢ Where are the Rules of Conduct for members?

The IET Rules of Conduct are on our website, to access them please visit https://www.theiet.org/about/governance/rules-of-conduct
What to do with a complaint associated with the IET

If you receive a complaint about a person associated with the IET or one of our products or services, please refer this to your staff contact as soon as possible. We have processes in place to manage complaints, and it’s important that we track them. If you’re unsure who your contact is, please contact the Volunteer Support Unit via volunteer@theiet.org or 01438 313311.

Professional Registration and Development

How do I get professionally registered (CEng, IEng, EngTech and ICTTech)?

For more information about the different categories of registration please visit: https://www.theiet.org/career/professional-registration/what-is-professional-registration/what-category-is-right-for-me

You must be a member of the IET to apply for professional registration.

You can get professionally registered in two ways:

1. You can do it online via Career Manager: https://www.theiet.org/career/professional-development/career-manager (Login required), or

2. You can download the application form. To do this please visit: https://www.theiet.org/career/professional-registration/request-an-application-form

How can I get help with Professional Development?

The IET offers a variety of options to support professional development, from an Initial Professional Development (IPD) Service to Training Courses, as well as an online tool called Career Manager, to assist you with skills development and recording your professional development.

To read more about the guidance and resources available to you, please visit: https://www.theiet.org/career/professional-development/continuing-professional-development

It is mandatory for all members to undertake CPD. For information on how this applies to you please visit: https://www.theiet.org/career/professional-development/continuing-professional-development

If you would like to speak to someone please send an email to cpd@theiet.org

How can a mentor help me?

Mentors are particularly useful during periods of change in your career. They can help to ease transitions and guide you through developing competence and applying for professional registration. Most importantly, they help you to set goals and show you how to achieve them.
How can I get a mentor?

You need to be a member of the IET to use our Mentoring Service, which is free of charge and one of our membership benefits.

For more information about the IET’s Mentoring Service and how to register your interest please visit: https://www.theiet.org/career/professional-development/mentoring/apply-for-a-mentor

If you have any further questions and would like to speak to someone please email mentoring@theiet.org

Networking

How do I find my network (local or technical)?

To find your local network you can use our interactive map: https://www.theiet.org/membership/communities/local-networks

If there isn’t a local network in your area and you would like to discuss the possibility of starting one please email communities@theiet.org

Where do I find a list of events I can go to?

Please visit https://events.theiet.org/events for a full list of events and to search by dates, region or topic area.

Are events free to attend for members and non-members?

It depends on the event - a lot of our events are free of charge and can be attended by anyone, whether an IET member or not.

Some of the events require you to be a member (especially courses) and you will have to log in to the IET website to register to attend.

What is IET EngX?

EngX is the IET’s web-based networking platform for engineers and can be accessed via this link: https://engx.theiet.org/

You do not have to be an IET member to join EngX.
Volunteering

➢ Where can I find information on the volunteer roles available?

Volunteers are at the heart of the IET and support most of its activities in some way, so it relies on engaging engineering and other professionals to help deliver its objectives. Information on volunteering for the IET can be found on our website:

https://www.theiet.org/involved/volunteering-for-the-iet

Each volunteer role is supported by a role description to help you decide which is suitable for you and the time you have available to commit to volunteering. To get started, please visit:

https://www.theiet.org/involved/volunteering-for-the-iet/volunteer-roles

You can also find specific recruitment campaigns, and other calls for volunteer support on our Volunteer Vacancies board:

https://www.theiet.org/involved/volunteering-for-the-iet/recruitment-campaigns

➢ What is the Volunteer Hub?

The Volunteer Hub is an area of the IET website that supports volunteers who are already engaged in a role with us, and provides access to information, guidance, tools and resources they’ll need during their volunteering activities. To access the Volunteer Hub please visit:

https://www.theiet.org/involved/volunteering-for-the-iet

➢ How can I attend a volunteer induction?

Once you’ve engaged in a volunteering role with us you can come and learn more about how your activities contribute to our charitable objectives and how we support volunteers through our Volunteer Discovery Session webinar. To register to attend one of these monthly sessions please visit:

https://www.theiet.org/involved/volunteering-for-the-iet/volunteer-hub/volunteer-induction

➢ How can I stand for election to a governance role?

Members of the IET are invited to nominate candidates for election to fill vacancies for Trustees, Council and Communities Resourcing Committee members (the election of Trustees is described in Bye-laws 69-75).

For more information on elections please visit:

https://www.theiet.org/about/governance/elections

➢ How can I apply for appointment to Council or Committees?

If you would like to apply for appointment to Council or Committees, please email governance@theiet.org giving your membership number.
Who are our current Trustees and Council members?

We list our current Trustees and Council members on our website. Please visit:

https://www.theiet.org/about/governance/board-of-trustees to view the list of Trustees and
https://www.theiet.org/about/governance/council to view the list of Council members.

General Information

What does the IET do to encourage the next generation of engineers?

The IET engages with children between the ages of 4-19 years through a wide range of science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) activity and resource offerings. To find out about our STEM education activities please visit:

https://www.theiet.org/career/routes-to-engineering/stem-education

We also engage with the next generation through accreditation of higher education programmes and apprenticeships.

For more information on the IET's guidance for routes to engineering, please visit:

https://www.theiet.org/career/routes-to-engineering

What engineering knowledge services do we offer?

The IET has an incredible range of Essential Engineering Intelligence offerings:

- Inspec https://www.theiet.org/publishing/inspec
- Inspec analytics https://www.theiet.org/publishing/inspec/inspec-analytics
- Digital Library https://digital-library.theiet.org
- IET Journals https://www.theiet.org/publishing/publishing-with-iet-journals
- Industry Standards https://www.theiet.org/publishing/iet-standards
- Events https://events.theiet.org/events
- Books portfolio - in print and e-Book format https://www.theiet.org/publishing/bookshop
- Library and archives https://www.theiet.org/publishing/library-archives
- Factfiles https://www.theiet.org/impact-society/factfiles
- IET.tv https://tv.theiet.org
- E&T magazine for all members https://eandt.theiet.org
- The IET Wiring Regulations https://electrical.theiet.org