

# NEWHAB FAQ

## MEMBERS AND ALLIES

**Who can be a NEWHAB member?** NEWHAB membership is open to individuals that self-identify with the purpose statement; are actively working in energy efficiency, energy justice/equity, water, health, and the affordable housing sectors; are willing to devote time monthly to participating in the network; meet the member expectations.



Individuals, not organizations, may be members.



Members should bring value to NEWHAB and a willingness to share their talents. Examples of value include expertise, an underrepresented perspective, time and energy to invest in network leadership, or relationships, openness and curiosity to work across sectors. This is not an exhaustive list.

**NEWHAB Allies** are individuals casually interested in NEWHAB related-activities or new to the sector. Allies are welcome to participate in the listserv and Challenge Groups.

## BENEFITS AND EXPECTATION

**What are the benefits of being a member?** Participating as a member offers you thought partnership to accelerate the impact of your work. This includes:



Access to LEAPSource, NEWHAB's private, online Learning Exchange and Action Planning resource



Access to a network directory of members and allies



Accessible connections to high quality experts, information, and strategic peer problem solving offered in a variety of forms



Awareness of excellence in the field and promising innovations, as well as a communications platform to share your own successes and innovations



Personal and professional relationships with a diverse group of experts (from multiple sectors, varied regions, and working at scales ranging from community-based to national)



Professional growth for both learning and leadership



Opportunities for collaboration



An invitation to the Annual In-Person Convening

## WHAT ARE THE EXPECTATIONS OF BEING A MEMBER?

Members should engage in network activities for 1-2 hours monthly. NEWHAB offers many different ways to participate, and expects members to engage in the ways members find most beneficial. Engagement includes both structured events and unstructured wisdom swapping and connecting. New members must participate in an orientation process.

### Each year members:

- ✓ Participate in four real-time events such as webinars, challenge groups, local meet-ups, etc.
- ✓ Post to/reply in LEAPSource or the Idea Exchange four times; update your profile
- ✓ Open and read newsletters
- ✓ Attend one in-person meeting or local meet up
- ✓ Complete the network survey
- ✓ Attend the Annual Meeting

### Abide by NEWHAB's operating principles:



Assume good intent.



Do everything with someone, nothing alone.



Keep information transparent.

## HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER?

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**Step One:** Contact Network Coordinator, Kathy Choh to fill out a membership agreement and arrange a one-on-one orientation to NEWHAB and NEWHAB online resources.

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**Step Two:** A NEWHAB Network Guardian and/or member in your region will set up a time to connect with you about current NEWHAB opportunities for engagement.

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**Step Three:** Get involved! Participate in a Challenge Group, offer to host a webinar, etc.

**If I am part of EEFA am I automatically part of NEWHAB?** No. NEWHAB is a separate and has different requirements for participation than EEFA.

**Because of my EEFA work I don't think I have time for NEWHAB. Can I still be a member?** Not technically a member. You can still participate in Challenge Groups and be considered an ally.

**Am I representing myself or my organization when I join NEWHAB?** NEWHAB membership is for individuals. If you change jobs you can still be a member of NEWHAB.

**Does it cost to be a NEWHAB member?** Currently there are no annual membership dues for NEWHAB.

**If I live in an EEFA state how do I find out about my state coalition efforts?** Contact Kathy Choh at [kathy.choh@management-hq.com](mailto:kathy.choh@management-hq.com) to find out information about your local state coalition efforts.

**Do I have to be in an EEFA State to be a member?** No. NEWHAB membership is open to anyone in the United States.

**How are NEWHAB and EEFA Related?** [Click here for a PDF](#) that explains the relationship between NEWHAB and EEFA.