



Cannabis  
Industry  
Council

The authoritative voice of  
the UK cannabis sector



# Membership Benefits



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# Welcome to the Cannabis Industry Council

Founded in 2021, the Cannabis Industry Council (CIC) is the leading membership organisation representing the UK's regulated cannabis sector.



The CIC believes that responsible access to regulated cannabis can deliver meaningful benefits for public health, the environment and the UK economy. We look forward to you joining us as a member to collaborate on this important agenda.

*Mike Morgan-Giles*

CEO



The CIC brings together more than 100 member organisations, including manufacturers, distributors, clinics, pharmacies, patient organisations, research bodies, and professional services, alongside CBD and industrial hemp businesses.

CIC members account for a significant amount of prescribing activity, product supply and regulatory engagement from across the industry.

Through collaboration, research and advocacy, the CIC works to raise the profile of the cannabis sector, improve patient access to medical cannabis prescriptions, and support the sustainable growth of the industry.

# Shaping the industry



## Vision

A recognised, credible and unified cannabis industry in the UK that advances patient access, drives responsible market growth, and earns public trust.



## Mission

To act as the authoritative voice of the UK cannabis sector by advocating for evidence-based policy, connecting stakeholders across the value chain, and raising industry standards through education, guidelines, and accountability.



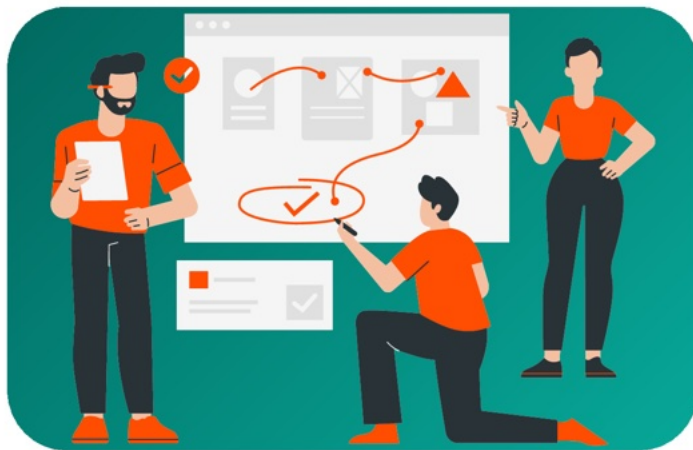
## Principles

1. **Member-centric:** Align programmes with what members value - effective lobbying, meaningful networking and tangible outputs. Ensure all members, regardless of size or location, can engage and benefit.
2. **Evidence-based and patient-focused:** Ground advocacy in data and patient needs.
3. **Collaborative:** Partner with regulators, medical professionals, patient groups and investors; promote unity within the industry.
4. **Accountable:** Establish clear deliverables and KPIs for all initiatives and working groups; regularly publish progress updates to build member trust.
5. **Professional:** Act with integrity and champion industry standards.

# Membership benefits

By joining the Council, you become part of a strong nationwide network.

We represent our members' interests with Government, regulators, the media, and the wider sector. Our members receive a range of benefits and services.

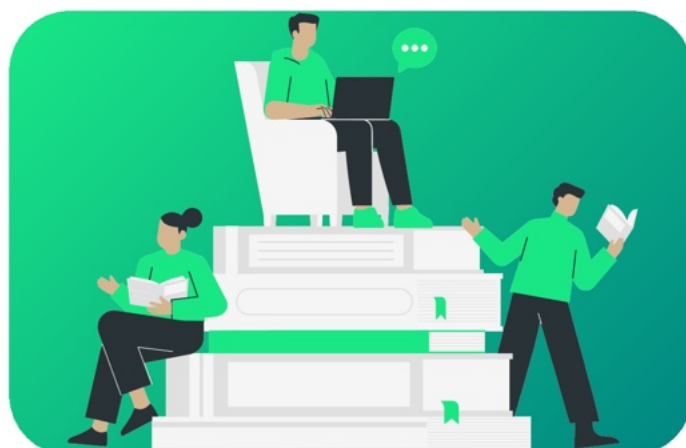
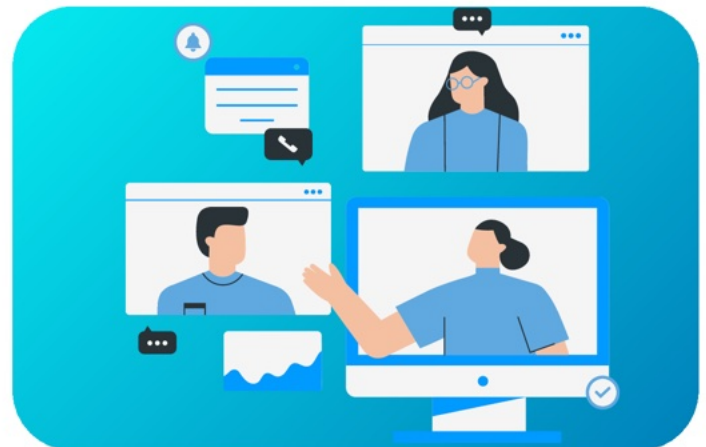


## Advocacy

The CIC engages Government, regulators and politicians on behalf of the industry. Members can engage on this via our taskforces.

## Events and networking

Take part in regular MasterClasses, Socials, networking, awards and webinars.

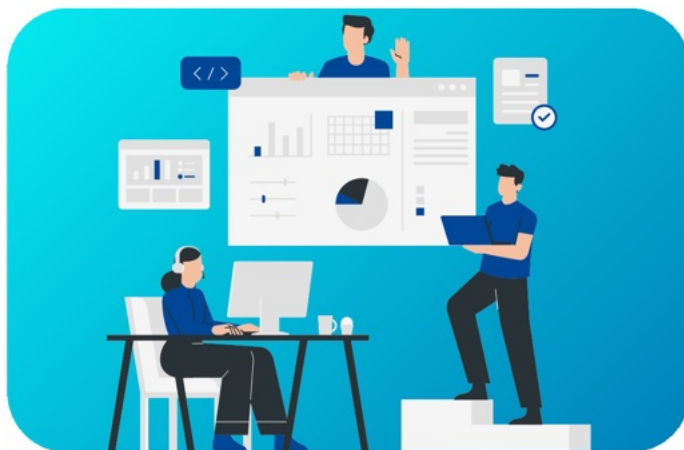
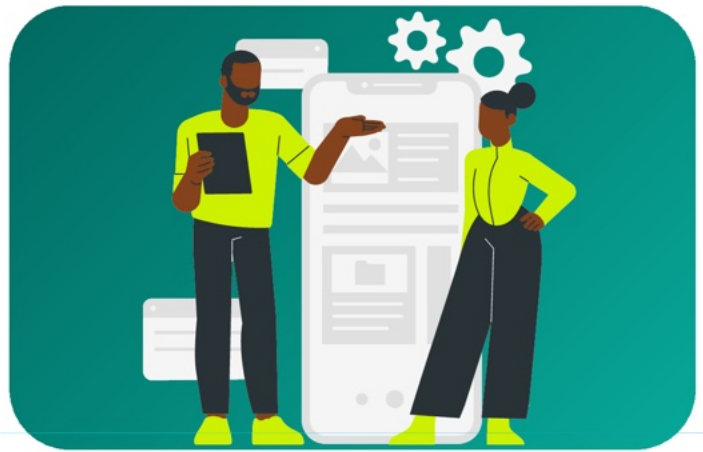


## PR opportunities

Feature your business with regular blogs, case studies, speaking opportunities, interviews and podcasts.

## Online listing

Claim your online listing on the CIC's directory, increasing your digital reach and securing your reputation as a trusted sector organisation.

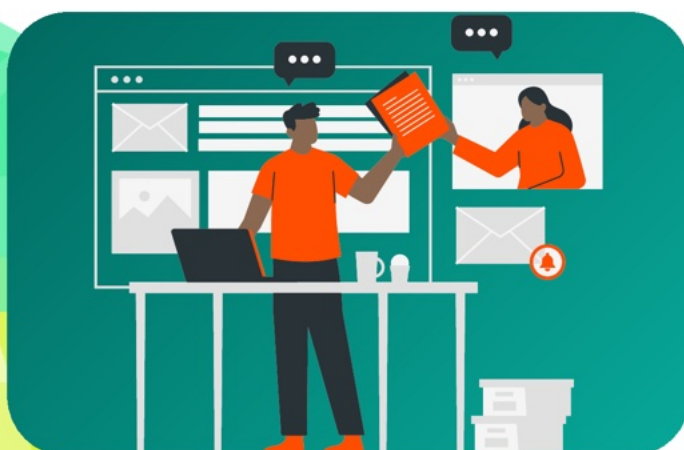
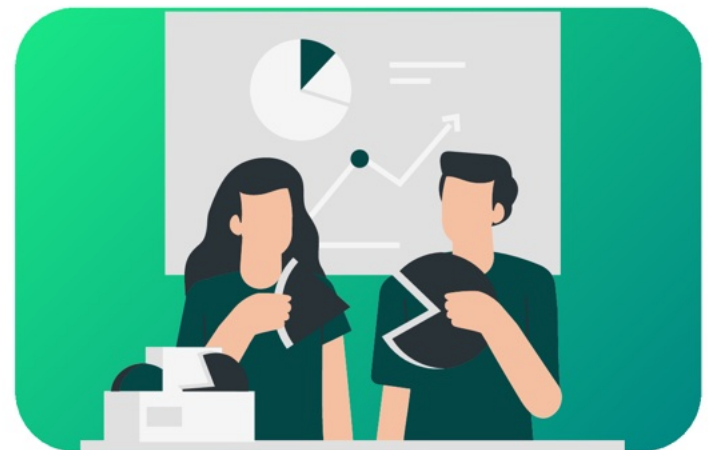


## Services and training

Attend and provide training, as well as having access to discounted third-party services, such as tax advice, legal and financial services.

## Sponsorship

Build brand awareness with the opportunity to sponsor CIC activity, on and offline.



## Other benefits

Access publications, receive the member's newsletter and membership pack with logos and announcement templates for press and social media

# Pillars and taskforces

Our work is focused on three key Pillars of activity, with member taskforces within them to help deliver change and improved outcomes.



## Pillar 1

### Policy advocacy and regulatory engagement

We engage with relevant bodies to clarify existing policies and regulations and, where possible, achieve meaningful policy and regulatory changes that expand patient access, and build a credible, practical framework for the industry.

## Pillar 2

### Value-added collaboration and networking

We deliver high-value networking and collaboration programmes that foster business development, knowledge exchange, and generate measurable outputs for members.



## Pillar 3

### Awareness, education and standards

We improve public understanding of medical cannabis, publish authoritative guidance, and elevate industry professionalism.

# Our impact



**13**  
reports, guides  
and resources

Evidence-led resources supporting patients, clinics, employers, landlords, policymakers and the wider medical cannabis, CBD and hemp sectors.



**20**  
in-person events  
hosted

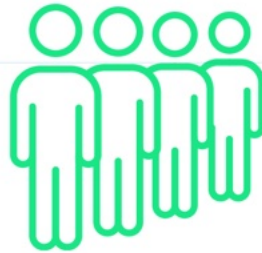


**2,000+**  
event attendees

Bringing together members, policymakers, clinicians, patients and industry leaders through AGMs, networking events, roundtables, conferences, parliamentary activity and the Cannabis Industry Awards Dinner.

**62,960**

estimated UK medical  
cannabis patients by 2025



**10,000+**  
social followers

**79%**

of patients prefer  
prescription cannabis  
to illicit cannabis

“The CIC provides an important platform for alignment across the sector, helping drive initiatives that strengthen the industry as a whole, while keeping patients at the heart of the conversation. We are proud to support an organisation that recognises the industry is stronger together than it is divided.

# Membership criteria

Membership is open to, but not limited to, organisations including:



Agriculture



Banking & Investment



Campaign Groups



CBD manufacturers & distributors



Charities & social enterprises



Commercial & Professional Services



Education



Hemp manufacturers & distributors



Infrastructure



Insurance



Law



Licensed Producers



Media & PR



Patient Groups



Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology



Political Groups & Parliamentary bodies



Prescription Cannabis Clinics



Prescription Cannabis Dispensaries



Prescription Consumption Venues



Research

## Membership fees

We offer five categories of membership, with annual fees on a sliding scale, linked to turnover and investment:

- UK Platinum Member (two year membership): £2,200 - £6,600
- UK Full Member: £350 - £3,300
- UK Associate Member (services): £350 - £2,400
- UK Associate Member (third sector): Free - £1,100
- Associate Member (non UK): £350 - £3,500

# Our industry awards

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**CANNABIS INDUSTRY AWARDS 2025**

Drug Science MCS AURORA HILLTOP LEAF MU ZO pib



As a CIC member, Hilltop Leaf appreciates the shared set of values all members sign up to, the networking events, and the collaborative authoring of useful independent written resources which benefit the UK patient base.

**Hilltop Leaf**



# Join CIC today

To become a member, please complete the application form on our website or contact the Council via the details below.

Non-members are welcome to attend a meeting before joining the Council to learn more about our aims and objectives.



Being part of the CIC has been instrumental in helping us stay closely connected to the evolving landscape of the cannabis industry, both within the UK and mainland Europe. From a business perspective, it definitely helps us to better support our clients with informed, responsible messaging that aligns with industry standards and regulatory developments.

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**Cannabis Industry  
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## Learn more about CIC membership and join today!

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