

Charter for the FNF Internet Forums (The Charter)

The FNF Internet Forums (the boards) are provided for the exchange of information and support between subscribing members of the UK charity Families Need Fathers (the Charity).

The service provides that any post to an FNF board by a subscriber is available to view by any subscriber to the board or officer of the Charity. The services are maintained solely for charitable purposes in accordance with the Charity's Objects as defined in the FNF Memorandum of Association (the Objects).

This Charter constitutes a by-law under the published Rules of the Charity under the Articles of Association.

Terms and Conditions

Use of the boards is restricted to paid-up FNF members and Officers of the Charity who comply with the terms and conditions of this Charter. The contents of the boards and information about board subscribers and charity officers and members are confidential to FNF.

Access to the boards may be suspended or terminated without notice, and non-compliance with the terms of this Charter may lead to suspension or cessation of membership of the Charity.

This Charter is published on the Charity's web site, www.fnf.org.uk. The Charity may amend or modify this charter without prior notice and cannot accept liability for any loss or damage. The board co-ordinator or his nominated deputy will, using the vehicle of the boards themselves, notify subscribers of changes to this Charter in a timely manner. Officers of the Charity may from time to time make announcements on the Announcement board. The decision of the FNF national Council in any dispute is final.

Terms of Use Specific to the Self Help Board

Subscribers to **Self Help** are invited to contribute:

1. Calls for help on matters addressed by the Objects of the Charity;
2. Suggestions to members who have asked for help;
3. Offers of support to members who are experiencing problems;
4. Relevant examples of their own experiences.
5. Subscribers to FNF Self-Help must not post material to **Self Help** that does not fall within the terms of items 1-4 above.

General Terms

Subscribers are invited to contribute to the appropriate board where:

6. Information is relevant to the aims of the Charity;
7. You are notifying others of or discussing relevant forthcoming events;
8. You are notifying others of or discussing relevant news items;
9. Opinions on relevant or topical issues;
10. The subject matter of your post is relevant to that particular thread.

Terms Specific to The Lounge Board (the Lounge)

The **Lounge** is provided as a general discussion board for:

11. matters which do not sit naturally within the other boards, but which are still relevant to the charity's aims, objectives, or day-to-day business;

12. matters originally discussed in a thread on the **Self Help** board where the content has ceased to be relevant to that board, but which content nevertheless falls within the terms of item 11 above.
13. Subscribers to the boards must agree the text of the Meditation (see below)

Limitations of Use for boards and the board's messenger service

Subscribers to the boards must not:

14. Post material to the boards that does not fall within the terms of items 1 to 12 above.
15. Subscribers to the boards must not post material or post messages that are:
 - a. Offensive to or about other members of the Charity, or
 - b. Misrepresents views expressed by other members of the boards, or
 - c. That use derogatory, defamatory or abusive language, or
 - d. That in any other way might bring the Charity into disrepute, or
 - e. That are against the interests of the charity;
16. Promote any illegal course of action;
17. Promote or advertise goods or services;
18. Promote political parties, religions or other organisations;
19. Post material that is in contempt of court;
20. Cross-post, forward or circulate messages;
21. Post the same material to multiple boards;
22. Provide personal information obtained from any board about another subscriber to any other person who is not a bona fide member of FNF without that subscriber's permission;
23. Divulge knowledge about the existence of or the contents of board postings to any person who is not a bona fide member of FNF;
24. Allow a non-subscriber to use a subscriber's email address to post to the boards;
25. Contravene the rules of the board service provider, as from time to time published by that service provider.

To Unsubscribe

To unsubscribe from an individual or multiple boards:

- Send a message to **fnf@fnf.org.uk**
- Put **Unsubscribe <name of board>** or **Unsubscribe <all boards>** as the Subject

In the body of your message, give:

- Your full name
- Your postcode

Confidentiality

The Charity reserves the right to publish any material posted on the boards, but will not identify the author without his permission. The Charity will not divulge any information about a subscriber to the boards to any third party without that subscriber's permission or unless ordered to do so. Subscribers should remain aware that the board service provider might keep archives of items published on the boards for an indefinite period. Board subscribers must remain aware that the FNF boards are confidential and that contempt might arise if board content is deemed by a court to have been available to the public.

Moderation

The FNF Boards are generally (but not always) unmoderated. The Charity reserves the right to configure the service to automatically detect and reject any postings containing abusive words or terms, and to determine these as it sees fit. The Charity reserves the

- I expect the forum to maintain debate at the highest level and will do my best to ensure the forum works well for all, contributing positively, learning from and helping others;
- I expect to be treated with respect and courtesy, understanding, kindness and compassion, that my motives will not be questioned, and that my views will be taken as sincerely and honestly held; I will afford the same to all others;
- Recognising that the forum should not become noisy, I will not intentionally post flamebait or fan flame wars and I will give others credit for not intentionally doing such a thing;
- I will be loving, truthful, responsible and moderate in what I post;
- I will seek to avoid unnecessary profanity, recognizing that it upsets some members;
- I intend that none of my postings will heighten stress and conflict;
- I expect tolerance for my perspective and will afford it to others;
- I will have the courage to stand up for my beliefs and acknowledge others will do the same;
- Being aware that this is a forum of hurt, excluded people, whose feelings are devalued by society and all of whom have failed at some level, I am conscious that particular sensitivity is often called for;
- I pray for the wisdom to know when to stay silent and for patience and forbearance before reacting;
- I understand that being on moderation is not a punishment; I accept the authority of the Moderators appointed by the Trustees, recognising that they are seeking to make the forum a pleasant and fun place to be for all members and prospective members; I am conscious that they may have an overview that I do not have;
- I recognise the value in humour, humility, gratitude and generosity I acknowledge the strength that lies in our working together and supporting each other.

For definitions of flame wars, etc, see <http://en.wikipedia.org>

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