

Why a Network Users' Forum?

You've probably heard of the "Information Superhighway" in the news, but you may still be unclear about "What's in it for me?"

When will the Superhighway exist? How can it help me - in my community, in my business or in my training?

The Network Users' Forum exists to help people find out how they can benefit from using the computer networks of today and the Superhighways of the future.

Find out how you can unlock the potential of networks to link to colleagues and customers. Communicate more effectively and cut costs at the same time.

What can I get from the Network Users' Forum?

- ***Events and Open Days***

Find out what the Superhighway is all about. Explore the uses and benefits of networks, and exchange experiences with other businesses, community groups and individuals. Get tips on using networks to save time and money.

- ***A Directory***

Establish new partnerships, contact people with similar interests, find out where to get help.

The Partnership Directory of Forum subscribers will include other businesses and community groups, as well as educational and technical organisations who can help you get skills and resources.

You will have the opportunity to write your own entry in the Directory, telling people about your skills and interests.

- ***Updates on Activities and Services Using Networks***

A list of local and regional networking initiatives will be published regularly. This will help you find out who's doing what, what the results are, and how you may link in.

The Forum can offer help in developing activities and proposals for using networks (sometimes for an extra fee).

- ***Extra Resources to Help You Use Networks***

Future plans include

- Providing guides to sources of information
- Reduced rates for Forum members on relevant training courses
- Our own "on-line" services for subscribers
- Access to hardware for those without computing facilities

How do I subscribe to the Network Users' Forum?

There are a range of subscription options available for network users and potential users, such as businesses, community groups and individuals. Fill in the separate subscription form, which also lists subscription rates.

Can I subscribe as part of a group of potential users?

Yes. We hope that established associations (e.g. business clubs) will affiliate to the Forum because the benefits of networks to groups of users are more tangible. We may run special events for affiliated associations on request.

Subscription discounts are available for members of affiliated associations.

The affiliated association does not have to pay a subscription itself, but will be expected to promote the Network Users' Forum to its members, and help communicate new developments.

For further information on how to affiliate, contact the Forum.

The Sheffield Network Users' Forum is one of the collaborative initiatives working towards the regeneration of the city. Its early development has been assisted by the University of Sheffield, Sheffield Hallam University, Sheffield Training and Enterprise Council, Fretwell-Downing Group Ltd, Andrew R Taylor & Co, and David Jennings Associates.

The mission of the Network Users' Forum is to address Sheffield's regeneration priorities by using the emerging information highways to best effect.

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