

Small Schemes

The NAPF is not just an organisation of and for large schemes. A significant proportion of our pension scheme members are small schemes. In fact our smallest member has just two scheme members.

We recognise that there is much we can do to help small schemes – who do not have the same resources or access to consultants available to larger schemes – keep up to date with the ever-changing pensions landscape and make sure their voice is heard.

We have been particularly vocal on the need for a better and more proportionate regulatory system for UK pension schemes, including a fairer PPF levy. We know that the high costs of running schemes can impact particularly harshly on smaller schemes.

KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE

To ensure that small schemes can attend as many of our events as possible, we took the decision in 2008 to make our Annual Conference free to pension fund members. Over a thousand pension schemes and industry professionals attend this leading event. Keynote speakers and break-out sessions give delegates access to latest thinking and technical updates.

In addition, our Trustee Conference, Hot Topic seminars and PensionsConnection networks and speaker evenings (with specialist groups for DC, human resources and finance professionals in pensions) are further ways to keep in touch with latest developments and network with other schemes. The issues affecting smaller employers and small schemes are regularly discussed at these events. Issues arising at these events are fed directly to Government and regulators, ensuring that our members are heard where it matters and can influence regulation and legislation.

All NAPF members receive a free copy of our no-nonsense 'Made Simple' guides which cover a range of technical issues such as hedge funds and investing in commercial property. Smaller NAPF members find these guides especially useful.

Our trustee training programme tailored to the needs of DC and DB schemes is used regularly by smaller schemes who value its independence and the access to industry experts the courses provide.

“The service provided by the NAPF is excellent. The support available to its members, especially smaller schemes like ours, is invaluable.”

Jane Nelson, Finance Director, Oddfellows

“As a small scheme we really value the support we get from the NAPF.”

Francis Hewson, Director, Geerings of Ashford Ltd

