

**“My PCG membership gives me unparalleled resources and total peace of mind, allowing me to get on with what I do best... ”**



**Chris Bell, freelance project manager and PCG member**

**PCG is the voice of freelancing and represents the interests of freelance contractors in the UK. Can you afford not to join?**

Find out what we can do for you.

Defend, protect, promote your choice of working lifestyle.

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PCG is a professionally managed, independent association that represents, supports and promotes the freelance community in the UK. There are over 18,500 PCG members and this number is steadily growing.

The freelance business world is a potential minefield of legislation, much of which can trap, restrict or impede the unwary.

PCG's main resource is a collective, specialist, unparalleled knowledge based upon the diverse experiences of its individual members and specialist advisors.

Armed with this information, many of the pitfalls and problems can be avoided, but better still, with so many members and experts on hand to offer advice, there couldn't be a better community of like minded people.

### **The freelance community**

According to our research there are over 1.4 million freelancers working in the UK economy and while no standard definition exists for the term 'freelancer', the terms 'freelancer', 'contractor' and 'consultant' are often used by our members to describe themselves.

### **Who are PCG members?**

IT consultants, engineers, oil & gas contractors, project managers, business and management consultants, interim managers and media/marketing professionals, among other disciplines; basically, anyone who is working independently in a knowledge-based industry and needs the reassurance and business advice that will enable you to do what you do best.

*If that sounds like you, please come and join us! You'll be among friends...*

## Why join?

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### ■ **Advice & resources:** streamline your business to save time and money

When you join, you unlock the full PCG resource, including free tax and legal helplines, contract templates to mitigate IR35 and other business risks, plus online forums and a regular concise update through our quarterly magazine, fortnightly newsletter and network of workshops.

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### ■ **Promotion:** growing the market for freelancing and creating opportunities

We invest your membership subscriptions in educational programmes to create a cultural shift in the market, assisting organisations in understanding the benefits of using freelancers and the correct way to manage the engagement. We also provide a number of resources to help freelancers find work, including the PCG Directory, where you can showcase your expertise to potential clients.

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### ■ **Community:** exchange knowledge, find work, collaborate

Network, debate and socialise on the forums and at member meetings.

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### ■ **Representation:** ensuring the rules set by the Government don't harm you

PCG is constantly analysing and interpreting key items of legislation or regulation and their impact on you. PCG consults with and lobbies government, providing expert input into sector issues and helping to influence and shape policy decisions as they affect freelancers.

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### ■ **Tax defence:** professional expenses insurance, to rescue you during a tax investigation

Tax rules are like shifting sands and it is possible to make very costly mistakes. Our tax investigation insurance covers valid cases up to £75,000 in cost\*, but we have gone far further when there is a principle at stake – in some cases all the way to the House of Lords.

\*terms and conditions apply

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### ■ **Savings:** a supplier network supporting the membership

PCG works with a range of suppliers delivering tailored services and discounts to the membership that can in many cases exceed the actual cost of subscription. Such benefits include insurances, accountancy support, contract reviews etc.

**PCG's aim is to be the voice of freelancing; to be the ultimate authority on all issues that affect freelancers. PCG wants freelancing to be valued and respected – not only as a legitimate choice for the working professional, but as a vital force for the UK economy.**

## Our aim

- A better understanding of freelancing by government and industry
- Freelancers able to enjoy better rewards commensurate with risk
- Less administrative and financial burdens that can impact freelancers negatively
- Freelancers valued by industry as a vital workforce
- Freelancing respected as a valid career choice
- Respect for freelancing as a business model

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