SDS Network England Partnerships 2026

We believe people should lead decisions about their lives and support. SDS Network England brings citizens, families, providers and commissioners together to uphold this right. Our shared work has helped thousands of people in England access Individual Service Funds (ISFs), with more choice and control. Partnership helps us share learning and stand up for independent living.

Convened by Chris Watson of Self Directed Futures and Simon Duffy of Citizen Network, host of the global Self-Directed Support Network, the global community for self-direction with hubs in 15 countries.

Why become a partner

Learn from practice

Explore the questions commissioners, providers and citizens are working through. Bring learning from forums, case studies and practical resources back to your team.

Share your experience

Put useful ideas and examples in front of a community focused on implementation. Gain recognition for your contribution and propose learning activities.

Support lasting change

Help sustain the coordination, communications and accessible learning that keep the network active. Show your commitment to citizens having more choice and control.

Included at every partnership level

Visible support

Website logo, link and short profile; a digital partner badge; newsletter recognition and grouped social media thanks.

Share useful work

Submit one article, case study, update or resource each year, subject to approval. Strategic Partners may submit up to two in total.

Specialist support savings

10% off agreed partner consultancy, training or facilitation, subject to availability, scope and separate agreement.

Participation and contribution

One named representative invited to relevant open learning sessions and partner updates. Propose a webinar, roundtable or learning conversation.

Event and forum savings

20% off SDS Network event tickets or exhibitor places, plus discounted access to linked forums where available.

See what your support enables

An annual partner update on the activity your support helps sustain, from practical resources and learning events to network coordination.

Choose your annual partnership

Choose a contribution that fits your organisation and the relationship you want with the network. All three levels include the core benefits on page 1.

Partner level	Annual fee	Who it is for and what it adds
Community	**£600 + VAT** £720 incl. VAT	Reduced rate for user-led organisations, expert-by-experience groups, small charities and social enterprises. The same core benefits as Network partnership.
Network	**£1,200 + VAT** £1,440 incl. VAT	The standard option for most providers, suppliers, charities and small to medium-sized organisations. All core benefits.
Strategic	**£5,000 + VAT** £6,000 incl. VAT	For organisations keen to shape the network. Adds a monthly group surgery for up to five Strategic Partners, prominent recognition and an event package, detailed below.

The Strategic package

Monthly group surgery

Join a 90-minute online group surgery each month with Chris Watson, Simon Duffy or another network lead. The group is capped at five Strategic Partner organisations.

Help shape the network

Use the surgery to help steer the network's priorities and design webinar topics and content. Bring practical questions and learning from your organisation.

A stronger profile

Prominent website and partner communications recognition, a fuller profile and up to two approved articles, interviews, case studies or resources per year.

Events and learning

One included exhibitor place at a flagship SDS Network event and four complimentary event tickets across the year. Priority consideration for learning contributions and the chance to support a short briefing or practice resource.

Partnership supports independent, useful learning. Contributions need editorial approval and should share learning rather than sales pitches. Strategic Partners help shape priorities and webinars; the network retains editorial control. Partners gain no private access to commissioners; recognition is not endorsement. The group surgery offers light-touch guidance. Bespoke consultancy, reports, training and implementation work require separate agreement.

Other ways to support: event, webinar, access and resource sponsorship can be discussed separately from your annual package.

This offer supersedes the England Supporter Pack dated 6 August 2026 and earlier England flyers.

Join or renew your partnership

Contact **Chris Watson, Chair, SDS Network England** to discuss joining or renewing.

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