



# NEWHAB

Network for Energy, Water, and  
Health in Affordable Buildings

## NEWHAB MEMBERSHIP FAQ

### What is NEWHAB?

The Network for Energy, Water, and Health in Affordable Buildings ([NEWHAB](#)) is a member driven, **national social impact network** dedicated to a future where everyone has a good home, one that is affordable, promotes health and contributes to climate resilience. We recognize housing as a human right. We also recognize that climate change is occurring and triggering destabilization throughout the planet. Resources are being depleted and the most vulnerable are made to bear the largest burden.

### Our Creed

We believe everyone has an equal right to clean air, safe water, reliable energy, and quality shelter. We seek access to housing, energy, and water that is healthy, affordable, and sustainable for everyone. Structural and institutional racism and a range of other institutional barriers make it hard for many people to participate fully in our economy and thus to enjoy clean air, safe water, reliable energy, and quality shelter. **We are an anti-racist network** committed to take risks to dismantle these unjust systems in measurable ways and we want to do so in a way that is led and informed by underserved communities.

NEWHAB is part of the Energy Efficiency for All initiative ([EEFA](#)) that includes, in addition to the national network open to all individuals, 12-state coalitions focused on increasing energy efficiency in affordable multifamily housing. **NEWHAB provides a national platform** to share learnings and collaboratively develop solutions to complex problems.

We do this by:

- Providing a **platform & community** to share best practices, innovations, & successes
- Focusing on the **complex problems** we can't solve alone
- **Connecting people** working on policy and projects from multiple sectors and in diverse geographies (including: Energy, Housing, Water, Health, and Social Justice)

- Leveraging our **collective influence** to inform decision-making and systemic transformation



## What are the benefits to membership?

- **Conversations:** access to NEWHAB’s private, online “Idea Exchange” Slack channel to share best practices, ask questions, and work on solutions together
- **Relationships:** to help you become more effective in your work, develop personal and professional relationships with a diverse group of experts (from multiple sectors, varied regions, diverse lived experiences, and working at many scales from community-based to national)
- **Professional Growth:** for both learning, leadership, and collaboration
- **Resources and Events:** NEWHAB is the curator of a library of resources and events (including webinars & workshops) from and for our network members
- **Directory:** connections to high quality experts, information, and strategic peer problem solving offered in a variety of forms
- **In-Person Connections:** as a NEWHAB member, you will be invited to NEWHAB’s Annual Convening. Take a peak at [this video](#) to get a taste of our annual gathering.



## What are the membership requirements?

With our network, members consistently find that the more they participate, the greater value they find in the network. The benefits are personal, professional, and support our shared purpose. Membership is open to individuals not organizations. So long as individuals continue to agree with the relevance and purpose of NEWHAB, they are encouraged to stay involved in the network even if they switch employers or fields. **We ask that members agree with the following statements:**

- Self-identify with the purpose of NEWHAB: I care about ensuring healthy, affordable, & sustainable housing for all.
- I am actively engaged (personally or professionally) in amplifying community power and ensuring healthy, affordable, & sustainable housing for all.
- I agree to NEWHAB's Operating Principles:
  - Assume good intent
  - Do everything with someone, nothing alone
  - Keep information transparent
- I understand that NEWHAB is a “no-pitch zone”. The network is not a space to sell services or products.
- I agree to take our NEWHAB Annual Survey each year (providing feedback and suggestions to help the network become even stronger).



## How do I become a NEWHAB member?

Fill out our NEWHAB Membership Form [here](#). The answers in the form will populate to our member directory. Once the form is filled out, Kathy Choh (NEWHAB's Coordinator) will reach out to you to access all of the membership benefits listed above.

## Contact

Please contact [Kathy Choh](#) (NEWHAB Coordinator) or [Faith Graham](#) (NEWHAB Managing Director) for feedback and questions.

Also check out:

- [NEWHAB landing page](#) (new website coming soon!)
- [NEWHAB LinkedIn](#) (follow us!)