BPF Windows Group
Benefits to Membership
Value Proposition

About the British Plastics Federation

Founded in 1933 the British Plastics Federation is the leading trade association for the UK plastics industry. Membership encompassing the whole plastic industry supply chain including raw material suppliers, processors, machinery suppliers and recyclers. BPF membership represents over 75% of the plastics industry by turnover.

It is non-profit-making, owned and run by its members. It provides prospects, industry information, support and a voice at the highest levels.

The BPF Windows Group

Since its formation in 1981 the BPF Windows Group has played the key role in establishing the credibility of plastic as a Windows material. The Group sets industry standards, engages in dialogue with regulators and non-governmental organisations as well as creating an industry platform to communicate with customer bodies. The Windows Group is the voice of the UK plastics windows, doors and conservatories industries.

What the BPF can do for you?

Through the BPF companies can interact with UK and EU Government and the media to influence legislation and public opinion. The BPF provides an ever expanding range of services that enable its members to maximise develop their markets and profitability.

BPF Window Group Member Benefits

- Access to support for fabricators and installers – providing information on technical issues, sustainability tools and the windows industry; Access to the BPF Members area on www.bpf.co.uk, which includes access to UK and global industry data as well as downloadable reports and guidance notes.

- Access to leading – edge information on PVC sustainability including recycling and additive usage.

- The www.bpf.co.uk website receives more than 1.3 million page views a month and is on top three in Google for the search term ‘plastic’.

- Companies receive a listing on the BPF Windows Group website and the PVCAware website (a BPF initiative on behalf of the Windows Group providing expert information on PVC-U Windows and Doors)
Support from BPF Windows Group members on issues related to the PVC-U window industry;

- Ongoing PVC PR campaign to promote PVC-U windows to stakeholders, also providing key contacts within the industry;
- Lobbying opportunity with the Systems companies in shaping and getting an early sight of British Standards.
- Opportunity to sit on relevant BSI committees
- The BPF also offer members discounted rates to all BPF organised seminars on a range of subjects, held throughout the year.
- Opportunity to attend Windows Group’s Management and Technical Committee meetings to raise issues for discussion by the group.
- Support from dedicated BPF staff for the windows industry on technical, legislation, environmental/sustainability and market issues as appropriate;
- Discounts on BPF publications and events;
- Ability to present at PVC Seminar run by the Vinlys Group which attracts about 60 delegates.
- Receipt of a bi-weekly BPF members newsletter, detailing ongoing projects, members news, policy updates.
- Access to the Construction Products Association’s bulletins and reports which alerts companies on Regulatory Issues and Business development within the UK Construction and Plastics Industry and give detailed data and trends on the construction industry.
- Gain Knowledge and support for best practice, legislation and the environmental developments for the PVC-U windows sector.
- Discounts on all BPF Windows Group publication and guidance notes.
- Exclusive Health and Safety guidance and support by the BPF’s Health and Safety committee, including further information and help through SIMPL (Safety in Manufacturing Plastics).

**Collaborations**
Other Achievements

- Briefing to key Civil Servants on PVC uses and benefits
- Meetings with DECC and key local MPs
- The group inputted into a series of presentations delivered to nearly 1,000 young architects at RIBA lectures
  - This professionally produced presentation is available to download free of charge by members
- Lobbying on behalf of PVC Windows Industry
- ‘Green Deal’: Ensuring PVC Windows are included in list of ‘Participating Products’
- Green Public Procurement
  - Removal of misleading information across the board
  - EU – Windows Eco-Label criteria
- Responses to Media Coverage of attacks on PVC-U windows and door.
- The release of two videos ‘Making Savings with PVC’ and ‘PVC in Sport’ both promoting the role of PVC (as of October 2012 they had received over 20,000 views of Youtube)

- Evolution of UK Code for Sustainable homes
- Evolution of BRE Green Guide to specification
- Participation in Vinyls Group Promotional Programme of PVC Products
- Participation in and exploitation of Vinyl 2010 and Vinyl Plus

BPF Windows Group Publications