

**FOSI** 

## **MEMBERSHIP**

FOSI's mission is to make the online world safer for kids and their families.

#### — Who We Are

FOSI convenes leaders in industry, government and the non-profit sectors to collaborate and innovate new solutions and policies in the field of online safety. Through research, resources, events and special projects, FOSI promotes a culture of responsibility online and encourages a sense of digital citizenship for all.

FOSI aims to be inclusive, transparent and non-partisan in all that we do. We believe in a bottom-up, multi-stakeholder approach that is evidence-based and empowering. While acknowledging the many and varied risks and threats online, FOSI also promotes the positive and enriching use of digital technology in all its forms.

FOSI harnesses the "three Ps" to work to create a better internet: enlightened public **policy**, industry best **practices** and good digital **parenting**.

<u>Policy:</u> FOSI's policy team works at the international, national, and state levels. We host events, including our FOSI Briefs the Hill and FOSI Briefs the States series. We issue statements and briefs, providing general guidance and education to policymakers. We build relationships with key stakeholders on all levels of government, all to enhance online safety best practices and encourage data-backed, evidence-based, enlightened public policy.

<u>Practice:</u> FOSI works collaboratively with industry to encourage and develop industry best practices and to provide feedback as companies create innovative products and services, ensuring is top of mind. Our Annual Conference and European Forum bring together professionals with a vested interest in online safety to share ideas, goals and actions that will lead to a safer digital experience for all.

<u>Parenting:</u> The goal of Good Digital Parenting is to empower parents and caregivers to confidently navigate the web with their kids. FOSI brings parenting and online safety experts together to contribute to our blog and resources about various timely, important topics. Good Digital Parenting also hosts webinars throughout the year that focus on parenting in the digital age.

#### The Three P's



POLICY
www.fosi.org/
policy-research-overview



**PRACTICE** 

https://www.fosi.org/events/ fosi-2024-annual-conference



PARENTING

https://www.fosi.org/ good-digital-parenting

### How will FOSI membership benefit you?

The Family Online Safety Institute is widely acknowledged as the organization of choice for those who are serious about their corporate social responsibilities and believe that family online safety is the key to a better Internet.

Membership of the Family Online Safety Institute will give you access to a wide range of unique events, resources and services. It will also provide you with a seat on the Members Group and a highly-visible presence, and a unique opportunity to collaborate, innovate and work directly with others in the online safety community on a variety of complicated and challenging issues."

## **Membership Application Principles**

Membership in the Family Online Safety Institute is determined through an application process whereby applications from prospective members are reviewed first by FOSI's Board of Directors and then by FOSI's Members Group. Generally speaking, FOSI membership consists of technology, Internet, IoT or telecommunications companies and related trade associations. Individuals and government agencies are not eligible. https://www.fosi.org/membership

### **Member Opportunities**

- ✓ Attendance and participation in quarterly member meetings (typically held in March, June, September, and December); all meetings are virtual aside from the September meeting, which is the Annual General Meeting and held in-person
- ✓ Attendance and participation in our biennial strategic planning exercise
- ✓ Attendance and participation at our annual conference held in November

# Collaboration, Networking, Thought Leadership Opportunities

- Annual Conference
- European Forum
- → Working groups to discuss key topic areas
- Webinars
- → FOSI Briefs the Hill series
- → FOSI Briefs the States series
- → Policy briefs
- Annual research project; short-form polls
- Special projects & partnerships
- Sponsorship of FOSI events and conferences

### **Membership Application Procedures**

To apply for membership, please provide a written statement addressing each of the following topics:

- **1** That your company or organization endorses the mission of FOSI and...
- That your company or organization is able to demonstrate a record of work in the online safety space or...
- That your company or organization can demonstrate a willingness to grow in this regard, and would like to join FOSI to learn and implement best practices.

Completed membership application statements should be sent to <a href="fosi@fosi.org">fosi@fosi.org</a> as a PDF formatted attachment. The application will then be shared with the FOSI Board for a preliminary vote. If the Board has no objections, then the application will be shared with FOSI Members Group for approval. If there are any objections, then the application goes to the next quarterly Board Meeting for a full discussion and a vote. Applicants will be notified once a decision is made, or if any additional information is needed for a decision to be made.

Thank you for your interest in joining us as we work to make the online world a safer place for all.