

# Supporting memberships

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A supporting membership provides leaders the benefit of [membership dues](#) without the rigidity of a mandatory payment. The group stays open and free, but members can choose to join the membership and support the group at their option. Many groups on Heylo collect supporting memberships without any benefit other than helping offset the costs of the group. However, an admin can ascribe benefits to the [membership plan](#) with a [role](#).

To set a supporting membership, navigate to membership type in the admin settings. Members can still join the group without payment, but they can sign up for a paid membership at their discretion anytime from the group tab. Supporting memberships are automatically recurring and [cancellable anytime](#).

Add a message to the supporting membership to clarify the mission and why the membership helps support the group.

After [launching the membership](#), Heylo will automatically prompt membership reminders to free members after 1 week of joining and every 2 weeks thereafter.

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