

# **Wimbledon Community Association**

## **Membership Policy 2020/2021**

1. Further to the closure of the former Wimbledon Community Association (WCA) premises at 28 St. Georges Road in 2012, the Trustees agreed that from financial year 2017/18, and until such time as they decide to alter the policy, the WCA will offer membership to community, not-for-profit organisations as described in point 3 of this document, provided they are resident in Wimbledon and the surrounding area as laid out in item 3(a) of WCA's Memorandum of Association. The trustees are defining the 'surrounding area' as the London Borough of Merton.

The WCA also offers 'Associate' Membership to organisations that do not meet all of the criteria for regular membership, provided they act on behalf of a not-for-profit venue operator that meets all criteria required for membership. The Associate Member, acting on behalf and in the interest of such not-for-profit venue operator, will fall under the same membership rules and have the same membership rights as described in points 3, 4 and 5 of this policy document; with the exception of voting rights which are not bestowed onto Associate Members.

2. All Trustees and the Secretary will be considered members of the WCA.
3. Member Organisations:-
  - a. All community, not-for-profit organisations who register their venue on the Wimblecomm website for hire will be automatically members of WCA for each Membership Year (as defined in Clause 4 below) as of the date of registration of the venue on the WCA website for as long as their venue is registered.
  - b. All community, not-for-profit organisations who regularly hire venues from organisations registered on the WCA website can apply for membership.
4. Membership will run from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021, and will be renewable from 1 April in each subsequent year ("Membership Year").
5. Rights and Benefits of Membership
  - a. Member Organisations (with the exception of Associate Members) will be invited to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and any Extraordinary General Meetings (EGMs) and will have one vote per organisation. Any organisation not able to attend the AGM (or EGM) may provide a proxy vote in the name of the Chair of the meeting or another designated person attending the meeting. The person attending the AGM (or EGM) on behalf of their organisation will be deemed by the Trustees to have the right to exercise the vote on behalf of their organisation.
  - b. Member Organisations (with the exception of Associate Members) may requisition the Trustees to convene an Extraordinary General Meeting in accordance with the Articles of Association.

- c. The only resolutions to be agreed by the membership attending the AGM shall be those in relation to agreeing the previous year's minutes, the accounts for the previous year and the appointment of independent examiners/auditors for the current year unless otherwise submitted in accordance with the Articles of Association or agreed by the Trustees.
  - d. In addition to their unlimited, illustrated space listing(s) on the Wimblecomm space directory, member organisations can, subject to terms and conditions, make free use of the Wimblecomm 'What's On' page to advertise their events and activities; participate in the Wimblecomm 'Venue Spotlight' series, and submit blog and news articles for publication on Wimblecomm and associated social media.
6. Membership will be free of charge to Member Organisations for the financial year 2020/2021, and the Trustees reserve the right to introduce a fee for any/all such Membership Organisations thereafter.
7. The Trustees reserve the right to refuse membership.

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