

Wimbledon Community Association

Membership Policy 2021/2022

1. Further to the closure of the former Wimbledon Community Association (WCA) premises at 28St 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 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 community venue on the WCA 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 register their community group on the WCA website will be automatically members of the WCA for each Membership Year (as defined in Clause 4 below) as of the date of registration of the organisation on the WCA website for as long as their group is registered.
4. Membership Year and Subscription
 - a) The Membership year runs from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.
 - b) Membership subscriptions run for 12 months from the time of setting up a member account and will be renewable every 12 months.
 - c) Annual membership fees where applicable are payable in advance for the full year and are non-refundable.
5. Rights 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 members 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) All Member Organisations can register their venue for hire or community group on the appropriate WCA website directory and make use of the WCA website events calendar to advertise their activities subject to Terms and Conditions published on the website.
- e) Available Membership Plans and their corresponding Fees and Benefits are specified in the WCA Membership Fees and Benefits Schedule as published on the WCA website (Membership Section) and included here (Appendix A).
- f) Membership will be free of charge to Member Organisations on the respective standard membership plans for venue organisations ("Wimblecomm Connect") and community groups ("Wimblecomm Community").
- g) Membership will be chargeable in accordance with the prevailing WCA Membership Fees and Benefits Schedule; to venue organisations on the "Wimblecomm Connect+" and "Wimblecomm Connect Premium" Plans and to community group organisations on the "Wimblecomm Community Premium" Plan.
- h) The Trustees reserve the right to change the WCA Membership Fees and Benefits schedule for the 2021/2022 and subsequent Membership Years.

6. The Trustees reserve the right to refuse membership.

Policy Issue Date: 1 June 2021

APPENDIX A

Membership Options

Membership Options for Venues in Merton

We offer a variety of membership plans to support venues in Merton by helping them to showcase their spaces for hire, connect with local people and organisations, and access opportunities.

Wimblecomm Connect Free	Wimblecomm Connect Plus £32 per year	Wimblecomm Connect Premium £56 per year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Showcase your spaces for hire on our directory ● Receive hire enquiries straight to your inbox ● Access our network of venues, organisations, and charities across Merton ● Access all Wimblecomm CONNECT networking sessions and a selection of Wimblecomm webinars ● Access chargeable Wimblecomm webinars at discounted member rates ● Occasional opportunities to promote your venue's news, events, job vacancies and updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Showcase your spaces for hire on our directory ● Receive hire enquiries straight to your inbox ● Access our network of venues, organisations, and charities across Merton ● Access all Wimblecomm CONNECT networking sessions and all Wimblecomm webinars ● Quarterly opportunities to promote your venue's news and updates ● Feature in our Wimblecomm Spotlight series once a year ● Promote up to 6 events on our What's On page per year ● Occasional opportunities to promote your venue's job vacancies ● Have your venue promoted further via Wimblecomm's promotional channels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Showcase your spaces for hire on our directory ● Receive hire enquiries straight to your inbox ● Access our network of venues, organisations, and charities across Merton ● Access all Wimblecomm CONNECT networking sessions and all Wimblecomm webinars ● Monthly opportunities to promote your venue's news and updates ● Feature in our Wimblecomm Spotlight series once a year ● Promote up to 12 events on our What's On page per year ● Have your venue promoted further via Wimblecomm's promotional channels ● Boost a space listing and become our featured venue once a year ● Advertise your job vacancies on Wimblecomm ● Receive quarterly reports on your listing performance ● Opportunity to choose one additional Premium member benefit such as coaching, or survey design consultancy

Annual membership fees are payable in one instalment upon joining and/or renewal of your membership with us and are non-refundable.

Membership Options for Community Organisations and Groups in Merton

We offer a variety of membership plans to support community organisations and groups in Merton by helping them to showcase their work, connect with local people and organisations, and access opportunities.

Wimblecomm Community Free	Wimblecomm Community Premium £24 per year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Showcase your organisation or group on our directory ● Receive enquiries straight to your inbox ● Access our network of venues, organisations, and charities across Merton ● Access all Wimblecomm CONNECT networking sessions and a selection of Wimblecomm webinars ● Access chargeable Wimblecomm webinars at discounted member rates ● Occasional opportunities to promote your organisation's or group's news, events, job vacancies and updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Showcase your organisation or group on our directory ● Receive enquiries straight to your inbox ● Access our network of venues, organisations, and charities across Merton ● Access all Wimblecomm CONNECT networking sessions and Wimblecomm webinars ● Monthly opportunities to promote your organisation's or group's news and updates ● Feature in our Wimblecomm Spotlight series once a year ● Promote up to 12 events on our What's On page per year ● Have your organisation or group promoted further via Wimblecomm's promotional channels ● Boost your listing and become our featured community organisation or group once a year ● Advertise your job vacancies on Wimblecomm ● Receive quarterly reports on your listing performance ● Opportunity to choose one additional Premium member benefit such as a week's display of a banner ad on our homepage, coaching, or survey design consultancy

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