



Membership Policy

1. Introduction

Chaffinch (the "Charity") is committed to involving both individuals and organisations in furthering our mission. This policy outlines the criteria, rights, and responsibilities for personal and corporate members. Membership is free of charge to ensure accessibility for all who wish to contribute.

2. Membership Categories

- Personal Membership
 - Open to individuals who support the aims and objectives of the Charity.
 - Personal members are entitled to one vote each at all general meetings.
- Corporate Membership
 - Open to businesses, nonprofits, and other organisations that support the Charity's objectives.
 - Each corporate member must designate an official representative who will hold the voting rights on behalf of the organisation.
 - Corporate members are entitled to one vote each at all general meetings, exercised by their designated representative.

3. Membership Rights

All members, both personal and corporate, have the following rights:

- Attendance at Meetings
 - Members can attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM), Special General Meetings (SGM), and Extraordinary General Meetings (EGM).
- Voting Rights
 - Members have the right to vote on resolutions, elections of trustees, and other matters presented at AGMs, SGMs, and EGMs.
- Eligibility for Trusteeship
 - Members are eligible to stand for election as trustees, provided they meet the criteria set forth in the Charity's governing documents.
- Contributions and Involvement
 - Members are encouraged to actively participate in the Charity's activities, including contributing ideas, volunteering, and supporting events and initiatives.

4. Membership Responsibilities

All members are expected to:

- Support the Charity's Objectives
 - Act in a manner that supports and enhances the mission and objectives of the Charity.
- Participation in Meetings
 - Attend general meetings whenever possible and participate constructively in discussions and voting.
- Adherence to Policies
 - Comply with the Charity's policies and procedures, including this membership policy and any codes of conduct adopted by the Charity.

5. Application Process

- Personal Membership
 - Individuals interested in becoming members must complete a membership application form, which can be obtained from the Charity's website or office.
 - Applications will be reviewed by the trustees, and applicants will be notified of their acceptance in writing.
- Corporate Membership
 - Organisations interested in becoming members must complete a corporate membership application form, designating an official representative. This form must be obtained from the Charity's office.
 - Applications will be reviewed by the trustees, and organisations will be notified of their acceptance in writing.

6. Termination of Membership

Membership may be terminated if a member:

- Resignation
 - Submits a written resignation to the Charity.
- Conduct
 - Engages in conduct that is deemed detrimental to the Charity's interests. In such cases, the trustees will review the situation and provide the member with an opportunity to respond before a final decision is made.

7. Contact Information

For questions or further information about membership, please contact contact@chaffinch.org.uk

By becoming a member of Chaffinch, you are joining a community dedicated to making a difference. We value your involvement and look forward to working together to achieve our shared goals.

This policy may be revised at any time with the agreement of a majority of the trustees.

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