

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

### Thank you for expressing an interest in The Stove!

The Stove will have a membership of practitioners, partners and the general public; both as a pool of creative people to deliver elements of public art projects and as part of the ongoing conversation about the future of the area.

So that you know what you are signing up to, the following information is extracted from the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association. If you would like to see the full document, please contact us by email at [liam@thestove.org](mailto:liam@thestove.org) or write to us at The Stove, 100 High Street, Dumfries, DG1 2BJ.

4. The Company's objects are:
- (a) To promote the arts, including drama, dance, music, literature, poetry, painting, film-making, photography and sculpture and other art forms and areas of artistic endeavour, and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of that aim) with a view to the involvement of local communities within Dumfries and Galloway and surrounding regions.
  - (b) To collaborate and form partnerships with individuals or organisations to benefit the wider community through the arts.
  - (c) To support community initiatives within Dumfries and Galloway and surrounding areas using the arts.
  - (d) To use the arts to promote the benefits and social welfare of the inhabitants within Dumfries and Galloway and surrounding regions, without distinction with regard to age, disability, sex, sexuality, political, religious or other opinions by associating the local statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and local people.

#### Liability of Members

9. Each member undertakes that if the Company is wound up while he/she is a member (or within one year after he/she ceases to be a member), he/she will contribute – up to a maximum of £1 – to the assets of the Company, to be applied towards:
- (a) payment of the Company's debts and liabilities contracted before he/she ceases to be a member;
  - (b) payment of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up; and
  - (c) adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves.

#### Qualifications for Membership of The Stove

11. The members of the Company shall consist of the subscribers to the Memorandum of Association and such other persons as are admitted to membership under articles 14 to 16.
12. Membership shall be open to any person who wishes to support the aims and objectives of the Company.
13. Employees of the Company shall not be eligible for membership; a person who becomes an employee of the Company after admission to membership shall automatically cease to be a member.

#### Application for Membership

14. Any person who wishes to become a member must sign, and lodge with the Company, a written application for membership.
15. The Directors may, at their discretion, refuse to admit any person to membership.
16. The Directors shall consider each application for membership at the first Directors' meeting which is held after the receipt of the application; the Directors shall, within a reasonable time after the meeting, notify the applicant of their decision on the application.

#### Membership Subscription

17. No membership subscription shall be payable.

#### Register of Members

18. The Directors shall maintain a register of members, setting out the full name and address of each member, the date he/she was admitted to membership, and the date on which any person ceased to be a member.

#### Withdrawal from Membership

19. Any person who wishes to withdraw from membership shall sign, and lodge with the Company, a written notice to that effect, on receipt of the notice by the Company, he/she shall cease to be a member.

#### Expulsion from Membership

20. Any person may be expelled from membership by special resolution, providing the following procedures have been observed:
  - (a) at least twenty one days' notice of the intention to propose the resolution must be given to the member concerned, specifying the grounds for the proposed expulsion;
  - (b) the member concerned shall be entitled to be heard on the resolution at the general meeting at which the resolution is proposed.

#### Termination / Transfer

21. Membership shall cease on death.
22. A member may not transfer his/her membership to any other person."