

Rules for Friends of Long Eaton Art Room

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Long Eaton Art Room is legally constituted as a Charity and as a Company Limited by Guarantee. A company limited by guarantee has members instead of shareholders. The members of the company elect the Trustees who manage the charity at an annual general meeting. The first members of the company are the people named in the Memorandum of Association that set up Long Eaton Art Room as a company.

The Articles of Association for Long Eaton Art Room that have been approved by Companies House and the Charity Commission state that any individual or organisation may apply to become a member of the company, and that the Trustees should establish rules for membership. The rules are as follows:

1. Members of the company shall be known as "Friends of Long Eaton Art Room".
2. An individual person may apply to become a Friend of Long Eaton Art Room if at the time of application they are paying a monthly fee for use of studio facilities, or they make a financial donation to Long Eaton Art Room with the application (*the suggested minimum donation for an individual is £5 but this is not mandatory and applicants are encouraged to donate more or less according to their resources*).
3. An organisation may apply to become a Friend of Long Eaton Art Room if the organisation makes a financial donation to Long Eaton Art Room with the application (*the suggested minimum donation for an organisation is £25 but this is not mandatory and applicants are encouraged to donate more or less according to their resources*).
4. On applying to become a Friend of Long Eaton Art Room, an individual or organisation must agree to abide by the Articles of Association and Rules, and to be prepared to make a contribution of up to £10 towards payment of debts if Long Eaton Art Room is dissolved.
5. An application to become a Friend of Long Eaton Art Room is subject to approval by the Trustees who may refuse an application if they consider it to be in the best interests of the charity.
6. A person or organisation will cease to be a Friend of Long Eaton Art Room in any of the following circumstances:
 - the person dies or the organisation ceases to exist
 - the person or organisation resigns by written notice to the charity
 - a period of 12 months has elapsed without payment of either a monthly fee for use of studio facilities or a financial donation
 - the Trustees decide that it is no longer in the best interests of the charity for the individual or organisation to continue as a Friend of Long Eaton Art Room (*the Articles of Association set out a procedure that the Trustees must follow if they intend to make such a decision*).
7. Each individual or organisation that is a Friend of Long Eaton Art Room has one vote at the Annual General Meeting and any other General Meetings (*detailed rules for notice of meetings, voting arrangements and proxies are set out in the Articles of Association*).