



CONSTITUTION

Name Re:Play, the play association of the south east

Objectives of Re:Play

- To raise awareness of the importance of play and playwork for all children and young people in the south east region
- To support the development of an infrastructure for creative and sustainable play in the south east region
- To promote and support play associations across the region
- Share information about play and playwork as widely as possible
- Raise funds to carry out the above objectives

Membership

Membership is open to any individuals or play organisations interested in carrying out the objects of the organisation and who have signed up to the Play Charter. Every member shall have one vote.

Executive Committee

The officers of the Association shall be a Chair Person, Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer together with such other members as decided, elected at an Annual General Meeting.

Meetings

The Annual General Meeting will be held once every year within 15 months of the previous AGM to receive an annual report and accounts of the previous year and to elect the officers of the Association and to appoint an Auditor. Decisions to be ratified provided there are at least one third of the members of the association present.

At the AGM of the organisation the members all elect a Chair, Hon Secretary and Hon Treasurer and members of the committee.

Up to one quarter of the total number of the Executive Committee may be appointed as co-opted members. Co-opted members have the right to vote.

Executive Committee

All members of the Executive Committee shall retire from office together at the end of the next AGM after the date on which they came into office although they may be re-elected or reappointed.

If a member of the Executive Committee resigns the Executive Committee can appoint someone in their place up to the time of the next AGM.

No member of the Executive Committee shall benefit from the work of the organisation other than as any ordinary member of the organisation might benefit, allowance being made however for out of pocket expenses.

Committee Meetings

Meetings of the Executive Committee will occur not less than 4 times a year. All decisions to be taken at meetings provided there are present at least one third of the committee, or 3 members, whichever is the greater, who are eligible to vote.

Decisions shall be taken by a majority of votes of the members of the Executive Committee present and voting. If the votes are equal the Chair shall have a casting vote.

The Executive Committee shall keep minutes of its meetings.

Finance

All monies received shall be devoted to the objects of the Association and shall be paid into a bank account in the name of Re: Play at a bank approved by the Association. The Hon Treasurer will be responsible for keeping proper accounts and for all monies received or payable by the Association.

All cheques drawn against the Association's account shall be signed by the Hon Treasurer and one other named person approved by the Association.

The Association shall keep accounts of its financial transactions. At the AGM a statement of account shall be presented by the Hon Treasurer. The accounts shall be examined by a competent person outside the organisation.

Annual General Meeting

At the AGM the Chair will present a report outlining the activities of the organisation in the previous year and how the funding of the organisation received has been used to carry out its purposes and aims.

There shall be an AGM of which 21 days notice shall be given to all the members of the organisation. Nominations for election to the Executive Committee must be in the hands of the Hon Secretary before the AGM begins. Should nominations be greater than the number of places available election shall be by ballot.

An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called when a significant number of people as judged by the Executive Committee believe there should be a meeting.

Minutes of the AGM shall be kept.

The AGM will be considered valid when one tenth of the number of the members of the organisation for the time being, or 10 members of the organisation whichever is greater, are present at any meeting.

The Constitution of the organisation may be altered when two thirds of the members present and voting at a general meeting pass a resolution. The resolution will be sent out with the invitation to attend the meeting.

Dissolution

If the Executive Committee decides that the organisation should be dissolved it should call a meeting of all the members giving 21 days notice. If the proposal to dissolve is confirmed by a two third majority of those present and voting the Executive Committee shall pass any assets held by the organisation to a like minded body.

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