



HARROW HUMANISTS CONSTITUTION

1. NAME

The name of the group is "Harrow Humanists".

2. STATUS

Harrow Humanists will be a Partner of Humanists UK as defined by the Partnership Agreement signed 10/04/2019.

3. OBJECTS and POWERS

(a) The objects of Harrow Humanists are to disseminate knowledge of Humanism locally and to organise meetings and events for people to meet and exchange ideas.

(b) In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, Harrow Humanists may:

(i) invite and receive financial contributions from any persons

(ii) lodge its funds in banks

(iii) employ and pay any persons (not being committee members)

(iv) acquire or rent premises and, subject to any legal constraints, dispose of such premises

(v) do all such other lawful things as shall further the objects of the society.

4. MEMBERSHIP

(a) Membership of Harrow Humanists shall be open to anyone interested in furthering its objects.

(b) Application for membership shall be made to the committee, who shall have the right for good and sufficient reason to refuse or to terminate membership provided that a member shall have the right to be heard by the committee before his/her membership is terminated.

(c) Membership shall be subject to the payment of annual subscription at the rates determined by the committee for each of the group's financial years (1 April - 31 March).

(d) The group will safeguard the confidentiality of membership information, and any other information communicated in confidence by Humanists UK.

5. COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS

(a) A committee of not less than four members shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Committee members shall be elected for one year, but shall be eligible for re-election.

(b) There shall be a chairperson, secretary and treasurer and such other honorary officers as the committee may decide. They shall be elected by the committee as the need arises.

(c) The committee shall decide the times and places of its meetings.

(d) The quorum for committee meetings shall be not less than four people.

6. MEETINGS

- (a) An Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall take place in each calendar year within four months of the end of the group's financial year, at a time and place to be decided by the committee. Fourteen days' notice shall be given to members.
- (b) Other general meetings may be called from time to time by the committee or by not less than one-third of the membership.
- (c) The quorum for general meetings shall be fixed by the committee.
- (d) Meetings will be chaired by the chairperson elected by the committee, or in his/her absence, by a member appointed by the committee.
- (e) All members shall have the right to vote at meetings.
- (f) Adoption of motions shall be decided by a simple majority of votes. The chairperson shall have a casting vote.

7. FINANCE

- (a) All funds raised shall be used to further the group's objects. Members' out-of-pocket expenses, approved by the committee as being in the furtherance of these objects, may be repaid.
- (b) The treasurer shall keep accounts and present them to the AGM.
- (c) There will be double authorisation of all payments (cheques and internet transactions).

8. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

The constitution may be amended by a resolution passed by at least two thirds of the members present at a general meeting. Notice of resolutions to change the constitution must be included in the notice of the general meeting.

9. DISSOLUTION

Harrow Humanists may be dissolved as a group by two-thirds of its members voting in favour at a general meeting. Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of proper debts shall be transferred to other organisations having similar objects.