



CONSTITUTION OF: YUMI Intercultural York

ADOPTED ON: 15/03/2016

1 Name

The name of the Group shall be: YUMI Intercultural York

2 Aims

YUMI's vision is to:

Work towards community cohesion in York by bringing together people from all cultures, helping them to develop a sense of belonging by offering support, volunteering opportunities and fostering friendships.

Through a programme of activities and projects at our International Community Garden and across the city YUMI will aim to:

- ✓ Strengthen the sense of belonging and confidence of people from a range of cultures living in York and support them to address isolation and make connections to people of all ages and cultures
- ✓ Positively influence attitudes to difference and diversity among the host community
- ✓ Enable our volunteers and participants to contribute to and feel a valued part of York's community life
- ✓ Promote interculturality.

3 Powers

In order to achieve its aims the Group may:

- a. Raise money
- b. Open bank accounts
- c. Take out insurance
- d. Employ staff
- e. Acquire and manage buildings
- f. Organise courses and events
- g. Work with other groups and exchange information
- h. Do anything that is lawful which will help it to fulfil its aims

4 Membership

(a) Membership of the Group shall be open to any person over 18 or any organisation living or located in the Yorkshire area who is interested in helping the Group to achieve its aims, willing to abide by the rules of the Group and willing to pay any subscription agreed by the Management Committee.

(b) Membership shall be available to anyone without regard to gender, race, nationality,

disability, sexual preference, religion or belief.

(c) Every individual member and each organisation shall have one vote at General Meetings.

(d) The membership of any member may be terminated for good reason by the Management Committee but the member has a right to be heard by the Management Committee before a final decision is made.

(e) Each member organisation shall appoint a representative to attend meetings of the Group and notify the Group's Secretary of that person's name.

5 Management

(a) The Group shall be administered by a Management Committee of the Officers and not more than 4 other members elected at the Group's Annual General Meeting (AGM).

(b) The Officers of the Management Committee shall be: the Chairperson, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

(c) The Management Committee shall meet at least 3 times a year.

(d) The Chairperson shall Chair all meetings of the Group.

(e) The quorum for Management Committee meetings shall be 4 members.

(f) Voting at Management Committee meetings shall be by show of hands. If there is a tied vote then the Chairperson shall have a second vote.

(g) The Management Committee may by a two-thirds majority vote and for a good and proper reason remove any Committee member, provided that person has the right to be heard before a final decision is made.

(h) The Management Committee may appoint another member of the Group as a Committee member to fill a vacancy provided the maximum number is not exceeded.

6 Duties of the Officers

(a) The duties of the Chairperson are to:

- chair meetings of the Committee and the Group
- represent the Group at functions/meetings that the Group has been invited to
- act as spokesperson for the Group when necessary

(b) The duties of the Secretary are to:

- take and keep minutes of meetings
- prepare the agenda for meetings of the Committee and the Group in consultation with the Chairperson
- maintain the membership list
- deal with correspondence
- collect and circulate any relevant information within the Group

(c) The duties of the Treasurer are to:

- supervise the financial affairs of the Group
- keep proper accounts that show all monies collected and paid out by the Group

7 Conflicts of interest and conflicts of loyalty

All members of the Group and Management Committee must:

- (1) declare the nature and extent of any interest, direct or indirect, which he or she has in a proposed transaction or arrangement with the Group or in any transaction or arrangement entered into by the Group which has not previously been declared; and
- (2) absent himself or herself from any discussions of the charity trustees in which it is possible that a conflict of interest will arise between his or her duty to act solely in the interests of the Group and any personal interest (including but not limited to any financial interest).

Any member of the Group or Management Committee absenting himself or herself from any discussions in accordance with this clause must not vote or be counted as part of the quorum in any decision of the Group on the matter.

8 Liability of members to contribute to the assets of the Group if it is wound up

If the Group is wound up, the members of the Group and Management Committee have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities.

9 Finance

- (a) Any money obtained by the Group shall be used only for the Group.
- (b) Any bank accounts opened for the Group shall be in the name of the Group.
- (c) Any cheques issued shall be signed by the Treasurer and one other nominated official.

10 Annual General Meeting

- (a) The Group shall hold an Annual General Meeting (A.G.M.) in the month of March.
- (b) All members shall be given at least fourteen days' notice of the A.G.M. and shall be entitled to attend and vote. The quorum for an AGM shall be 6 members.
- (c) The business of the A.G.M. shall include:
 - (i) receiving a report from the Chairperson on the Group's activities over the year
 - (ii) receiving a report from the Treasurer on the finances of the Group
 - (iii) electing a new Management Committee and
 - (iv) considering any other matter as may be decided.

11 Special General Meeting

A Special General Meeting may be called by the Management Committee or by any 2 members to discuss an urgent matter. The Secretary shall give all members fourteen days' notice of any Special General Meeting together with notice of the business to be discussed. All members shall be entitled to attend and vote.

12 Alterations to the Constitution

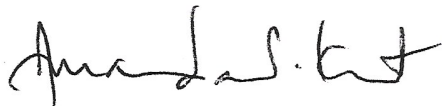
Any changes to this Constitution must be agreed by at least two-thirds of those members present and voting at any General Meeting.

13 Dissolution

The Group may be wound up at any time if agreed by two-thirds of those members present and voting at any General Meeting. In the event of winding up, any assets remaining after all debts have been paid shall be given to another Group with similar aims.

This constitution was adopted at a general meeting of the Group on 15th March 2016

Signed by:



Chairperson: Amanda Kent



Secretary: Sara Mair



Treasurer: Helen Hays

Other Committee members:



To be appointed