



WILD DANDELION MEMBERSHIP

Types of Membership

Individual Membership

- Individual Membership of Wild Dandelion is open to any persons over the age of 18 living or working in the Bristol area and whose work is compatible with the objects of Wild Dandelion.
- They must be willing to abide by the rules of the Wild Dandelion CIC and be willing to pay any subscription agreed by the directors of Wild Dandelion.
- Individual membership is suitable for those offering regular services to Wild Dandelion such as running groups or workshops, renting spaces or accessing services provided by Wild Dandelion.
- Individual Membership has full voting rights

Partner Membership

- Partner Membership is open to any group or partnership interested in helping Wild Dandelion achieve its aims through collaborative working and/or combined business interests.
- They must be willing to abide by the rules of Wild Dandelion and be willing to pay any subscription agreed by the directors of Wild Dandelion.
- Partnership Membership is suitable for groups, partnerships or initiatives that have direct, regular business with Wild Dandelion such as renting spaces or accessing services provided by Wild Dandelion.
- Partnership Membership has full voting rights.

Company Membership

- Company Membership is open to any company or organisation interested in joining Wild Dandelion's efforts to achieve its aims through collaborative working and/or combined business interests.
- They must be willing to abide by the rules of Wild Dandelion and be willing to pay any subscription agreed by the directors of Wild Dandelion.
- Company Membership is suitable for groups, partnerships or initiatives that have direct, regular business with the Wild Dandelion such as renting spaces or accessing services provided by Wild Dandelion.

- Company Membership has full voting rights

Associate Membership (also known as “Friends of Wild Dandelion”)

- Associate Membership is suitable for those with an indirect day-to-day relationship to Wild Dandelion through offering voluntary practical, social or spiritual support.
- They must be willing to abide by the rules of the Wild Dandelion CIC and be willing to pay any subscription agreed by the directors of Wild Dandelion.
- Associate membership is suitable for individuals, groups or organisations.
- Associate Membership has no voting rights.

Rights of Membership:

- Members are entitled to receive notice of, attend, and vote at all General Meetings of Wild Dandelion
- Members are entitled to receive a copy of the Articles of Association of Wild Dandelion at no charge.
- Each member has a right to be included in discussions which directly affect the overall membership.
- Every member has a right to be heard and for their questions, concerns or issues to be heard and considered fairly and promptly.
- Membership is not an automatic process and must be applied for in all instances
- The exception to this is anyone working directly for, or employed by Wild Dandelion will automatically become an individual member
- Discounted room or event space hire
- Discounted or complimentary access to Wild Dandelion ticketed events or activities
- Support from Wild Dandelion in fields of our expertise
- Professional Networking Opportunities
- Invitations to all community and cultural events
- Receiving our community newsletter and information of all activities

Cost of Annual Membership:

- Individual: £20
- Partnership £30
- Company : £40
- Associate: Free

Conditions of Membership:

- Membership shall be available to anyone without regard to gender, race, nationality, disability, sexual preference, religion or belief.
- Each partnership or company member must appoint a representative to attend any relevant meetings with directors.

- All members agree to subscribe to Wild Dandelion's objects and articles of association.
- The membership of any member may be terminated for good reason by the directors of Wild Dandelion but the member has a right to be heard by the directors before a final decision is made.
- Individual membership is not transferable to anyone else.

Application Process:

- Application for membership will be considered following a submission of a **Membership Application Form**.
- Applications for membership will include a *statement of intent* as to why they wish to become a member and what compatibility they have to Wild Dandelion's objects and aims.
- Directors to approve/deny a membership request within 1 month of the application being received. The outcome of the application will be notified in writing
- Directors reserve the right to decline an application if it is deemed not suitable or not compatible with Wild Dandelion's objects or ethos.
- In the event an application is denied the applicant reserves the right to request feedback as to the reasons for the decision to reject the application.
- Directors may request further information before a final decision
- The director's decision is final. This does not deny the applicant the right to resubmit an application at a future date.

Membership Voting:

- Member voting at any in-person meeting shall be by show of hands.
- Member voting will be introduced during a meeting
- Absent members have the opportunity to submit their vote ahead of time in writing.
- If there is a tied vote then the chairperson of the directors group shall have a second vote.
- Any change in the person's representing the vote of a partner or company member must be notified in writing to the directors 10 days in advance of the vote.
- ❖ *Individual* membership gives the individual voting rights for any motion at an AGM or EGM and on any decisions the directors open to wider a vote. This is one vote per person.
- ❖ *Partner* membership has **one vote** for any motion at an AGM or EGM and on any decisions the directors open to wider vote.
 - Groups or partnerships must appoint a representative to attend any relevant meetings with directors and represent the vote of the group or partnership.
 - Reaching a unified consensus on the vote of this membership is the responsibility of the individuals in the partnership or group.

- ❖ *Company* membership has **one vote** for any motion at an AGM or EGM and on any decisions the directors open to wider vote. Companies must appoint a representative to attend any relevant meetings with directors and represent the vote of the company. Reaching a unified consensus on the vote of this membership is the responsibility of the individuals in the company.
- ❖ *Associate* membership has no voting rights.

Management of Membership:

- Members and membership shall be overseen and administered by the directors of Wild Dandelion.
- The Wild Dandelion directors may by a two-thirds majority vote the removal of any member provided they have had their right to be heard before a final decision is made.
- Removal of any member from the membership must be for a good and proper reason and all discussion and actions pertaining to this discussed, minuted and actioned (see *Termination of Membership*).

Termination of Membership:

Membership is terminated if:

- The member requests their membership terminated
- An individual dies or a company or group folds, ceases to exist or ceases trading
- In accordance with the Articles of Wild Dandelion, the member is harmful to or is likely to become harmful to the interests of the Company.

Termination of membership is only possible at a meeting of the directors at which at least half of the directors are present and a resolution is passed resolving that the member be expelled.

- Such a resolution may not be passed unless the member has been given at least 14 days' notice that the resolution is to be proposed, specifying the circumstances alleged to justify expulsion, and has been afforded a reasonable opportunity of being heard by or of making written representations to the Directors.
- A member expelled by such a resolution will nevertheless remain liable to pay to the Company any subscription or other sum owed by him or her.

Membership Meetings:

- In addition to the Annual General Meeting, members will meet one yearly in a Membership Meeting.

- Organising, chairing and setting the agenda of meetings will be undertaken by a chairperson nominated by a Wild Dandelion director.