



Constitution

1. Name

The name of the group is “*Derbyshire Arts Development Group*”

2. Aims & Objectives

The organisation provides leadership for members and the wider arts constituency in the County in the following areas:

- Advocacy for the arts in Derbyshire, in terms of both development and opportunity
- Campaigning and lobbying - providing a collective voice for key issues
- As a catalyst for arts development and strategic policy
- Encouraging information sharing and networking

3. Means of Achieving These Aims and Objectives

By working actively in partnership with those individuals, groups and organisations within Derbyshire and the East Midlands which are directly or indirectly concerned with arts provision.

By developing the potential for arts provision to play a role in the public, voluntary, community and private sectors, including local authorities, businesses, schools, colleges, universities and similar organisations with similar aims and objectives.

4. Membership

Membership is open to groups or organisations which are committed to strategic arts development in Derbyshire.

5. Officers

The group shall at the beginning of each year elect from its members a steering group consisting of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and any other members as agreed.

6. Meetings

The steering group will hold at least two ordinary meetings each year. The steering group shall also hold an Annual General Meeting within three months of the end of the year, with a quorum of no less than ten per cent of the members, when it shall:

- (a) receive the annual report of the group activities and a statement of accounts.
- (b) elect officers of the group, who will also belong to the steering group.

Meetings of the steering group shall be called by or in consultation with the Chair, who shall give not less than three weeks' notice of such meetings.

Decisions taken at any meeting shall, where necessary, be determined by a simple majority of votes, the Chair having a casting vote in the event of an equal division of votes.

Extraordinary general meetings of the group may be called by the Chair or by no less than four members, specifying the purpose of the meeting. Twenty-eight days notice of the meeting shall be given.

7. Sub-committees

The steering group shall establish other sub-committees as and when it sees fit and agree their terms of reference.

8. Finances

The officers shall be responsible for presenting legally acceptable accounts, which are to be made available at the Annual General Meeting.

All monies raised by the group shall only be used to further the aims and objectives of the group as agreed by the members.

The Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary will be authorised to act in all financial matters on behalf of the group.

Financial statements will be presented or sent to the members at regular intervals, and never less than twice a year.

In the event of the cessation of the group any monies remaining shall be distributed to formally constituted non-profit arts organisations in Derbyshire as agreed by the members.

9. Changes in the Constitution

Changes in this constitution may only be made at an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting and can only be made by a majority of 75% of those attending the meeting.

Notices of proposed changes must be received in writing by the Secretary at least fourteen days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

January 2006



Officers for 2006

Chair: Frances Watt, Chesterfield Borough Council and North East Derbyshire District Council

Vice Chair: Rick Seccombe, High Peak Community Arts

Secretary: Ann Wright, Derbyshire County Council

Treasurer: Tina Glover, Junction Arts