



Constitution

1. Name

The name of the group is Sacred Arts Camp Community.

2. Object

The object of the group is to organise an annual Camp (in May or June) in accordance with the Vision of the association.

3. Vision

The Camp aims to bring together people from all over the world to discover unity within diversity, to build friendships, and to recognise common human bonds through dance (primarily Dances of Universal Peace), song, movement and arts that honour the spiritual richness of our world. People of all ages, from all backgrounds and from all nations are welcome. In the Camp, a space will be held where spirit can move and community can thrive; people can feel the rhythms of the Earth beneath their feet and celebrate their creativity.

4. Membership

WIDER WORKING GROUP: any camp participant is eligible to become a member who is committed to:

- the Object of the Sacred Arts Camp Community
- Receiving the Agenda and the Minutes of Holding Group meetings
- Providing a 'watching brief' over agenda, minutes, website, Facebook page and any other communication from SAC
- Making input/observations that might be constructive/helpful
- Being a resource for the HG according to skills and experience
- Being available to discuss things or make specific contributions to the work of the HG when asked

When joining the WWG, members will be invited to share what experience and skills they have to offer.

HOLDING GROUP: any camp participant is eligible to become a member of the decision-making group known as the Holding Group (maximum of 12 members) who is committed to:

- the Object of the Sacred Arts Camp Community
- attending Holding Group Meetings
- the decision making process

In addition they will usually have attended Camp for 3 years and have either been a member of the WWG or worked for at least one year on the Camp.

Eligible camp participants will be considered to join the Holding Group by attending a meeting on Camp with the HG and through an informal discussion with an HG member to identify skills, interests and willingness to sustain relationships and group process.

- Holding Group members serve for a maximum of 4 years

- Longest serving members leave to accommodate new members (to avoid stagnation and fixed ideas)
- A maximum of 3 new members to join each year (to ensure continuity and stability)
- Retired Holding Group members are eligible to re-join the Holding Group after a minimum of 2 years. Retiring members who have served their full 4 year term will receive a free ticket to the Camp.

In the event of the Holding Group membership falling below 6 in any one year, new members may be recruited by any means in line with the Approved Guidelines.

CO-OPTED MEMBERS: the Holding Group may co-opt people to bring specific skills and knowledge to the decision making process. The maximum number of co-opted members is three at any one time, for part of the year or until the next AGM, thus bringing the total Holding Group membership up to a possible maximum of 15.

5. Conduct of Members

The Holding Group may conduct its affairs as it thinks fit in order to achieve the Object of the Sacred Arts Camp Community, subject to the proviso that its conduct and work are in line with the Approved Guidelines.

6. Meetings

Holding Group meetings are to be convened, conducted and minuted as laid out in this Constitution and the Approved Guidelines. There will be a minimum of 4 meetings a year.

Budget is to be agreed by January 31st.

Any meeting is quorate if fifty per cent of members, rounded up to the nearest whole number, are present. In addition:

Camp Forum - to be programmed in. This is an opportunity for feedback from all/any Camp participants including prospective Wider Working Group members to meet existing members and discuss/share.

Annual Camp Business Meeting – to be held at Camp. Members celebrate and review Camp; receive accounts; agree new membership of Holding Group; select officers for bank purposes.

Camp meetings will be advertised on the website, in newsletters and on the programme.

Provisional accounts will be displayed on the website one month before the beginning of Camp.

7. Dissolution

For the Sacred Arts Camp Community to be dissolved, a special meeting must be convened for this purpose. A Resolution to dissolve the Group will be passed only if at least two thirds vote in its favour. Upon dissolution, the Groups assets and/or monies are to be donated to an organisation of similar aims, decided by members - this paragraph cannot be amended.

8. Amendments

A review of the Constitution may be raised annually by either the HG or two thirds of Annual Camp Meeting to allow amends in the light of each year's experience. Agreement of two thirds of the Annual Camp Meeting is required for a change.

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