

CONSTITUTION

Adopted on the 18th day of October 2015.

A. Name:

The name of the Association is Stretford Children's Theatre [The Group]

B. Administration:

Set out below the Group and its property shall be Administered and Managed in accordance with this constitution by the members of the Executive Committee, constituted by clause G of this constitution [the Executive Committee"]

C. Objects:

The Groups objectives ["the objects"] are:

- to increase levels of creative opportunity in our community
- to work with a diverse range of individuals and community groups
 - to deliver outcomes-focused effective drama workshops
- to provide accredited learning and achievement for participants
 - to provide positive, fun and challenging group activities
 - to offer group support in order to increase individual resilience
- to provide exciting and inspiring opportunities for otherwise marginalized groups to use the arts to explore the things that matter to them.
- to encourage self-development through participation in a fun and creative experience in a challenging yet safe environment.
 - to promote an understanding of the significance of the arts in our shared cultural heritage.
- To work together with residents, community users, local authorities, voluntary and other organisations to continuously improve the area.

D. Powers:

In furtherance of the objects but not otherwise the Executive Committee may exercise the following powers:

- (i) Promote the arts as empowering, unifying and accessible to all, irrespective of age, sex, ethnicity, ability, religion or political view.
- (ii) Deliver participatory theatre projects that are committed to generating inspiring creative experiences, which improve relationships with self, others and the environment.
- (iii) Invite and receive contributions and raise funds where appropriate, to finance the work of the Organisation, and to open a bank account to manage such funds.
- (iv) Publicize and promote the work of the Organisation and organise meetings, training courses, events or seminars etc.
- (v) Work with Organisation's of a similar nature and exchange information, advice and knowledge with them, including cooperation with other voluntary bodies, charities, statutory and non- statutory organisations'.
- (vi) Employ staff and volunteers as are necessary to conduct activities to meet the objects.
- (vii) Take any form of action that is lawful, which is necessary to achieve the objects of the Organisation.

E. Membership:

Membership to the executive of the Group shall be open to any person over the age of 18 years interested in furthering the objects.

Membership of the Group shall be open to any person under the age of 18 years interested in furthering the objects. Those aged under 18 are not eligible to fill the role as honorary officer.

Every member shall have one vote.

The Executive Committee may by unanimous vote and for good reason terminate the membership of any individual; provided that the individual concerned shall have the right to be heard by the Executive Committee, accompanied by a friend, before a final decision is made.

F. Honorary Officers:

At the Annual General Meeting of the Group the members shall elect from amongst themselves a Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall hold office from the conclusion of that meeting.

G. Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee shall consist of not less than 3 members nor more than 20 members being : the honorary officers specified in the preceding clauses; not less than 1 and not more than 17 members elected at the Annual General Meeting whom shall hold office from the conclusion of that meeting.

The Executive Committee may in addition appoint not more than 6 co-opted members but so that no-one may be appointed as a co-opted member if as a result, more than one third of members of the Executive Committee would be co-opted members. Each appointment of a co-opted member shall be made at a special meeting of the Executive Committee called under clause J and shall take effect from the end of that meeting unless the appointment is to fill a place which has not been vacated. In which case the appointment shall run from the date when the post became vacant.

All members of the Executive Committee shall retire from office together at the end of the Annual General Meeting each year but they maybe re-elected or re-appointed.

The proceedings of the Executive Committee shall not be invalidated by any vacancy among their number or by any failure to appoint or any defect in the appointment or qualification of a member.

No person shall be entitled to act as a member of the Executive Committee whether on first or any subsequent entry into office until after signing in the minute book of the Executive Committee a declaration of acceptance and of willingness to act as trusts of the Group.

H. Determination of Membership of Executive Committee:

A member of the Executive Committee shall cease to hold office if he or she;

Is disqualified from acting as a member of the Executive Committee by virtue of section 72 of the Charities Act 1993 [or any statutory re-enactment or modification of that provision].

Becomes incapable by reason of mental disorder, illness or injury of managing and administering his or her own affairs;

Is absent without apologies of the Executive Committee from all their meetings held within a period of six months and the Executive Committee resolve that his or her office be vacated; or

Notifies to the Executive Committee a wish to resign [but only if at least three members of the Executive Committee will remain in office when the notice of the resignation is to take effect].

I. Executive Committee Members not to be personally interested:

No member of the Executive Committee shall acquire any interest in property belonging to the Group [otherwise than as trustee for the Group] or receive remuneration or be interested [otherwise as a member of the Executive Committee] in any contract entered into by Executive Committee.

J. Meetings and Proceedings of the Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee shall hold at least three ordinary meetings each year. A special meeting may be called at any time by the Chairman or by any two members of the Executive Committee upon not less than 4 days notice being given to the other members of the Executive Committee of the matters to be discussed. If the matters include an appointment of a co-opted member then not less than 21 days notice must be given. The Chairman shall act a Chair at meetings of the Executive Committee. If the Chairman is absent from meetings, the Vice Chair shall be Chairman of the meeting.

There shall be a quorum when at least one third of the number of members of the Executive Committee, are present at a meeting.

Every matter shall be determined by a majority of votes of the members of the Executive Committee present and voting on the question but in the case of equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second casting vote.

The Executive Committee shall keep minutes, of the proceedings at meetings of the Executive Committee and any sub-committee.

The Executive Committee may from time to time make and alter rules for the conduct of their business, the summoning and conduct of their meetings and the custody of documents. No rule may be made which is inconsistent with this constitution.

The Executive Committee may appoint one or more sub-committees consisting of three or more members of the Executive Committee for the purposes of making an inquiry or supervising or performing any function or duty which in the opinion of the Executive Committee would be more conveniently undertaken or carried out by a sub-committee;

Provided that all acts and proceedings of any sub-committees shall be fully and promptly reported to the Executive Committee.

K. Receipts and expenditure:

The funds of the Group, including all donations, contributions and bequests shall be paid into an account operated by the Executive Committee in the name of the Group at such bank, as the Executive Committee shall from time to time decide. All cheques drawn on the account must be signed by at least two members of the Executive Committee.

All funds belonging to the Group shall be applied only in furthering the objects.

L. Property:

Subject to the provisions of sub-clauses [2] of this clause, the Executive Committee shall cause title to; all land held by or in trust for the Group which is not vested in the official custodian for charities; and all investments held by or on behalf of the Group.

To be vested whether in a corporation entitled to act as custodian trustee or in not less than three individuals appointed by them as holding trustees. Holding trustees may be removed by the Executive Committee at their pleasure and shall act in accordance with the lawful directions of the Executive Committee, the holding trustees shall not be liable for the acts and defaults of its members.

2] If a corporation entitled to act as custodian trustee has not been appointed to hold the property of the Group, the Executive Committee may permit any investments held by or in trust for the group, to be held in the name of a clearing bank, trust corporation or any stock-broking company which is a member of the international stock exchange [or any such stock-broking company] as nominee for the Executive Committee, and may pay such a nominee for the Executive Committee any may pay such a nominee reasonable and proper remuneration for acting as such.

M. Accounts:

The Executive Committee shall keep accounting records for the Group;

The Executive Committee shall prepare annual statements of account for the Group;
The Executive Committee shall, if necessary, arrange the auditing or independent examination of the statements of account of the Group.

N. Annual Report:

The Executive Committee shall prepare an annual report.

O. Annual General Meeting:

There shall be an Annual General Meeting of the Group which shall be held in the month of Sept in each year or as soon as practicable therefore.

Every Annual General Meeting shall be called by the Executive Committee. The Secretary shall give at least 21 days notice of the Annual General Meeting to all the member of the Group. All the members of the Group shall be entitled to attend and vote at the meeting.

Before any other business is transacted at the first Annual General Meeting the persons present shall appoint a Chairman of the meeting. The Chairman shall be the Chairman of the subsequent Annual General Meetings, but if he or she is not present, before any other business is transacted, the persons present shall appoint a chairman of the meeting.

The Executive Committee shall present to each Annual General Meeting the annual report and accounts of the Group for the previous year.

Elections for committee members will be held annually.

P. Special General Meetings:

The Executive Committee may call a Special General Meeting of the Group at any time. If at least 6 members request such a meeting in writing stating the business to be considered the Secretary shall call such a meeting. At least 21 days notice must be given. The notice must state the business to be discussed.

Q. Procedure at General Meetings:

The secretary or other person specially appointed by the Executive Committee shall keep a full record of proceedings at every General Meeting of the Group. There shall be a quorum when at least one tenth of the number of members of the group for the time being or 3 members of the group, whichever is the greater, are present at any general meeting.

R. Notices:

Any notice required to be served on any member of the Group shall be in writing and shall be served by the Secretary of the Executive Committee on any member. Whether personally or by sending it through the post in a prepaid letter addressed to such member at his or her last

known address in the United Kingdom, and any letter so sent shall be deemed to have been received within 10 days of posting.

Subject to the following provisions of the clause the Constitution may be altered by a resolution passed by not less than two third of the members present and voting at a general meeting. The notice of the general meeting must include notice of the resolution, setting out the terms of the alteration proposed.

S. Dissolution:

If the Executive Committee decides that it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the Group, it shall call a meeting of all members of the Group, of which not less than 21 days notice [stating the terms of the resolution to be proposed] shall be given. If the proposal is confirmed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting the Executive Committee shall have power to release any assets held by or on behalf of the Group. Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any property debts and liabilities shall be given or transferred to such other charitable institution or institution having objects similar to the objects of the Group as the members of the Group determine. Or otherwise shall be applied for some other charitable purpose. A copy of the statement of accounts, or account and statement, for the final accounting period of the group must be sent to the commission.

T. Arrangements until first Annual General Meeting:

Until the first Annual General Meeting takes place this constitution shall take effect as if reference in it to the Executive Committee were references to the persons whose signatures appear at the bottom of this document.

Signed:

Taine Rindel

S. Quinton-Holme

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Wiley

S. G. Hall

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Rosanie Walsh

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