

THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

OF

AUTISTIC INCLUSIVE MEETS

The articles contained in this document are adopted by the organisation in addition to the model articles for private companies limited by guarantee contained in Schedule 2 of the Companies (Model Articles) Regulations 2008 (SI 2008/3229).

1 NAME: Autistic Inclusive Meets – AIM

2 THE PURPOSES OF THE ORGANISATION ARE:

To provide an inclusive service of support and opportunity for Autistic individuals, their families and carers to access the community with specific reference to those facing adversity and a lack of social inclusion in the Royal Borough of Greenwich and all surrounding areas.

AIM is an Autistic led non-profit organisation working with non-Autistic people to ensure inclusion and harmony promoting acceptance and understanding equally.

To campaign for and promote Autistic rights and stand against Autistic mistreatment.

To provide a loan service of sensory aids.

To fund families and individuals to go on holiday breaks that they otherwise could not afford.

3 ADMINISTRATION

The organisation shall be managed by a board of directors who are appointed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the organisation.

4 CARRYING OUT THE PURPOSES

In order to carry out the charitable purposes, the directors have the power to:

- (1) raise funds, receive grants and donations
- (2) apply funds to carry out the work of the organisation
- (3) co-operate with and support other organisations and charities with similar purposes
- (4) do anything which is lawful and necessary to achieve the purposes

5 MEMBERSHIP

The organisation shall have a membership. People who support the work of the organisation and are aged 18 or over, can apply to become a member and once accepted by the directors, membership lasts for 3 years and may be renewed. The directors will keep an up-to-date membership list.

The directors may remove a person's membership if they believe it is in the best interests of the organisation. The member has the right to be heard by the directors before the decision is made and can be accompanied by a friend.

5.1 GUARANTEE

The liability of each member is limited to £1, being the amount that each member undertakes to contribute to the assets of Autistic Inclusive Meets in the event of its being wound up while he is a member or within one year after he ceases to be a member, for

- (1) payment of Autistic Inclusive Meets' debts and liabilities contracted before he ceases to be a member,
- (2) payment of the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up, and
- (3) adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves.

6 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – AGM

- (1) The AGM must be held every year, with no less than 7 days' notice given to all members telling them what is on the agenda. Minutes must be kept of the AGM.
- (2) There must be at least 3 members present at the AGM.
- (3) Every member has one vote.
- (4) The directors shall present the annual report and accounts.
- (5) Any member may stand for election as a director.
- (6) Members shall elect between 3 and 10 directors to serve for the next year. They will retire at the next AGM but may stand for re-election.

7 DIRECTORS MEETINGS

- (1) Directors must hold at least 3 meetings each year. At their first meeting after the AGM they will elect a chair, treasurer and secretary. Directors may act by majority decision.
- (2) At least 3 directors must be present at the meeting to form a quorum able to take decisions. Minutes shall be kept for every meeting.
- (3) If directors have a conflict of interest they must declare it and leave the meeting while this matter is being discussed or decided.
- (4) During the year, the directors may appoint up to 2 additional directors. They will stand down at the next AGM.
- (5) The directors may make reasonable additional rules to help run the organisation. These rules must not conflict with these Articles or the law.

8 MONEY AND PROPERTY

- (1) Money and property must only be used for the organisation's purposes.
- (2) The directors must keep accounts. The most recent annual accounts can be seen by anybody on request.
- (3) Directors cannot receive any money or property from the organisation, except to refund reasonable out of pocket expenses.
- (4) Money must be held in the organisation's bank account. All cheques must be signed by 2 directors.

9 GENERAL MEETINGS

If the directors consider it is necessary to change the Articles, or wind up the organisation, they must call a General Meeting so that the membership can make the decision. Directors must also call a General Meeting if they receive a written request from the majority of members. All members must be given at least 7 days' notice and told the reason for the meeting. All decisions require a two thirds majority of those attending. Minutes must be kept.

- (1) Winding up - any money or property remaining after payment of debts must be given to an organisation or charity with similar purposes to this one.
- (2) Changes to the Articles - can be made at AGMs or General Meetings. No change can be made that would make the organisation operate for profit.
- (3) General Meeting - called on written request from a majority of members.
- (4) Directors may also call a General Meeting to consult the membership

10 SETTING UP THE ORGANISATION

This constitution was adopted on _____ 20__ by the people whose signatures appear below. They are the first members of the charity and will be the directors until the AGM, which must be held within one year of this date.

Signature	Print name and address