



**EASTSIDE  
COMMUNITY  
TRUST**

## Membership Policy

### Adopted September 2022

Eastside Community Trust is a membership organisation.

The organisation is governed by a board of Trustees/Directors who make decisions about the charity. This is made up of no more than 15 individuals.

#### **Eligibility to be a member**

- Someone who lives or works in Easton and Lawrence Hill and is over the age of 16.
- Someone who supports our charitable objects and shares our values.
- Someone who is actively involved or interested in their neighbourhood.
- Someone willing to abide by our Constitution and accept liability limited to £1 in the event of the charity winding up with debt.
- Membership is approved by the board.

#### **Sharing our values**

Members must support the long term charitable aims of the organisation which is to serve the wards of Easton and Lawrence Hill, particularly the neighbourhoods of Easton, Lawrence Hill, Old Market, St Judes, Newtown, Whitehall, Greenbank, Redfield, The Dings and Barton Hill, the Objects for which the Charity is established are:

- (a) Advancement of citizenship and community development through the promotion of civic participation, volunteering, and community capacity building.
- (b) Provision of community services and facilities with the objective of inspiring agency, connecting people, creating opportunities and improving the condition of life for residents.
- (c) Specifically provide services and facilities, including an adventure playground, for children and young people:

Member – an individual living or working in Easton and Lawrence Hill  
 Friend – an individual living or working outside of Easton and Lawrence Hill

**Powers of members**

At the AGM, members are entitled to vote for who sits on the trustee board. The delegation of other powers to members is under development and will be something we will consult members on as our membership grows.

Members will be invited to 'member only' events and consultations and will have the opportunity to meet staff and board members to inform the development of the organisation.

**Refusal of application for membership**

The Board may only refuse an application for membership if, acting reasonably and properly, it considers it to be in the best interests of the charity to refuse the application.

The Board must inform the applicant in writing of the reasons for the refusal within 21 days of the decision.

The Board must consider any written representations the applicant may make about the decision. The Board's decision following any written representations must be notified to the applicant in writing but shall be final.

**Termination of membership**

Membership must be renewed annually or the membership will terminate. Other grounds upon which membership is terminated can be found in our constitution which is available on our website.

For more information on the legal role of members please refer to our Memorandum and Articles of Association.