

Wester Hailes Community Trust

MEMBERSHIP POLICY

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Wester Hailes Community Trust is registered as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation with the Scottish Charity Regulator.
- 1.2 We wish to encourage wide membership from all parts of the Wester Hailes community. This policy describes how to become a member of Wester Hailes Community Trust(Wester Hailes CT) gives brief details about the Management Committee, and describes the training arrangements for those interested in becoming Committee Members.

2.0 WHY SHOULD I JOIN?

- 2.1 Being a member means you have a say on how the Trust is run and what activities it supports. As a member you can help us to achieve our aims and help shape the future of Wester Hailes.

3.0 WHO MAY APPLY?

- 3.1 Wester Hailes CT has different categories of membership. These are

3.2 Individual Membership

You can apply to join Wester Hailes CT if you are aged 16 or over AND

Live in Wester Hailes within our defined boundaries

Individual Members have the right to vote at AGMs and EGMS, and are eligible for election or co-option to the Board.

3.3 Corporate And Associate Membership

Corporate Membership is for Incorporated organisations. Associate Membership is for Unincorporated organisations. A voluntary, not for profit or charitable organisation in Wester Hailes whether corporate or unincorporated can apply to join Wester Hailes CT if it can show that it an organisation that supports Wester Hailes CT's purposes and

Is based within Wester Hailes and is of benefit to the people living there.

OR

Operates within Wester Hailes and is of benefit to the people living there.

Corporate And Associate Members can nominate a named individual to represent them. They have the right to vote at AGMs and EGMS, and are eligible for election or co-option to the Board.

3.4 Honorary Membership

You can apply to join Wester Hailes Community Trust if you are aged 16 or over and

You do not live in Wester Hailes and you support the purposes of the organisation

Honorary members do not have a vote at AGMs or EGMs. They are only eligible for co-option to the Board.

4.0 HOW DO I APPLY?

4.1 To apply for membership, you need to fill out an application form which you can find on the Wester Hailes Community Trust website, or contact us via phone or email to have an application form sent to you.

4.2 Your application will be considered at the next available meeting of the Board, and you will be advised of their decision as soon as possible after that meeting.

5.0 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

5.1 Our Annual General Meeting is held in September each year. At the A.G.M. a report on the previous year's activities is given, the Annual Accounts are presented, and elections are held for vacancies on the Management Board.

5.2 Every member of WHCT may attend the A.G.M. to take part in the discussions and be involved in the elections for the Management Committee. Members in the Honorary category do not have a vote.

6.0 MANAGEMENT BOARD

Membership

6.1 The Wester Hailes Community Trust is run by a Management Board of up to 15 Members. Any WHCT member from the categories of Individual, Corporate or Associate may be nominated for election to the Board, in accordance with the nomination procedures circulated before each Annual General Meeting. We wish to encourage a wide representation on the Board from all areas of the Community.

6.2 To ensure that local residents always have overall control and management of the trust, WHCT has set limits on how many members from each category can be on the Board. These are

Individual Members
Minimum of 3

Corporate Members
Maximum of 2

Associate Members
Maximum of 2

Honorary Members
C-opted only: maximum of 3