

CONSTITUTION OF GLASGOW RUSSIAN SCHOOL

Voluntary Association for support of Russian education, culture and Orthodox tradition

1. The Title

The Association will be called Glasgow Russian School hereinafter known as the School.

2. Area of Benefit

The area of benefit for the purposes of the School shall be deemed to be

- Russian speaking and international families with young children
- Individuals who are interested in the Russian language and culture

The School's activity is regulated by its Constitution and Regulations for voluntary organisations in Scotland.

3. Objects

The School is a voluntary association with charitable purposes only and in particular

- a) To provide opportunity for children, young people and adults to study the Russian language, literature, history, and Orthodox tradition.
- b) To provide support for local Russian community.
- c) To encourage integration of Russian speaking community into British society on the basis of common cultural and historical roots.
- d) To promote values of Russian culture to interested individuals.

4. Powers

The School shall have power raise money for its activities, capital equipment and running costs. The School can publish materials that may be required for its purposes in local and national newspapers.

5. General Meetings

All members of the Association have right to participate in decisions made by the Association.

Annual General Meeting shall be held once a year and all members shall be informed about date and time 2-3 weeks before the meeting.

Annual Meeting shall be held at the end of September-October each year and financial report and School's activity report shall be presented.

6. The Management Committee

The Management Committee shall consist of up to 8 Active Members elected at the Annual General Meeting from among those who are over the age of eighteen and who are individual members of the Association.

Director, Deputy Director, Treasurer, and Secretary must be members of the Association and work for the Association for at least two years, all other members of Management Committee must be in the Association for minimum of one year.

Active Members of School Management Committee are elected for 3 years with the right to be re-elected.

The candidate(s) for the post of the School Director shall be supported by Dean of the St Kentigern's parish (Russian Orthodox Church).

The Management Committee has power to award Honour Membership to the people who have made significant contribution to the School with right to attend School Management Committee meetings as honour members.

The Management Committee shall have responsibility for making decisions, formulation of policy and general management of the Association.

The Management Committee shall have power to delegate any of its functions to appointed groups of members remaining accountable to the Management Committee.

The Management Committee shall have power to issue regulations that do not come into contradiction with the School Constitution.

The Management Committee shall have powers to engage consultants and advisors as are considered appropriate and pay them.

The Management Committee shall have powers to employ and pay staff.

The Management Committee can liaise with other voluntary sector bodies, local authorities, Scottish government departments and agencies for promoting School's activity, applying for funds and furthering the School's objects.

7. Membership

Membership of the Association shall be voluntary and opened to individuals having an interest in the activities of the School.

Application to or withdrawal from membership must be lodged in writing to the Management Committee for processing.

The Management Committee shall maintain a register of members.

In any conflict situation expulsion from membership of the School or/and Management Committee will be carried out through a transparent process and by a resolution passed by a majority of vote.

8. Finance

All money raised by, or on behalf of the School shall be applied to further the objects of the School and for no other purpose.

The financial year of the School shall run from May 1 of one year to April 31 of the following year.

9. Bank Accounts

All bank accounts of the School shall be operated in the name of the School with the explicit agreement of the Management Committee and on the signatures of two members of the Management Committee.

10. The School's Constitution and Amendments to Constitution

Any resolution to amend the constitution shall be submitted to the School at a General Meeting. Any such resolution must be passed by two-thirds of those present members who are entitled to vote.

Any alteration to the constitution shall be notified to the appropriate legal body.

Any decision of the Management Committee that affect charitable purpose of the School activity shall be deemed incompetent and shall not be implemented.

11. Dissolution of the School

If the Management Committee decides that dissolution of the School is necessary or advisable, the Management Committee shall call a General meeting and the resolution must be passed by a majority

of two-thirds of those present members who are entitled to vote. If the resolution is passed and on the winding-up of the group any property remains after satisfaction of all the group's debts and liabilities, such property shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the group; that property shall instead be transferred to some other charity or charities (whether incorporated or unincorporated) whose objects are similar (wholly or in part) to the objects of the group.