

THEATR YR IFANC RHOS 1990 YOUTH THEATRE

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CONSTITUTION

1. Title

The name of the Society shall be Theatr yr Ifanc Rhos 1990 Youth Theatre (hereinafter called the 'Society').

2. Aims

The aims of the Society are to promote cultural activities, bilingual where possible, which shall include drama, music and dance in Rhosllannerchrugog and district.

3. Objectives

The objectives of the Society are:-

- to promote the production of dramas, musicals etc for the entertainment of the general public;
- to hold regular workshops with additional rehearsals prior to a production;
- to encourage members to take an active interest in drama, music, dance and stagecraft;
- to present one or more productions per year in the locality.

4. Management Committee

The Society shall be managed by a Committee and Officers. The Management Committee will be elected at the Annual General Meeting. Two representatives, elected from the number of young members, may also sit on this Committee.

The Officers of the Committee shall be the **Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and Safeguarding Officer.**

The Committee shall retire annually at the Annual General Meeting but shall be eligible for re-election. If any member of the Committee wishes to stand for re-election, but is unable to be present at the Annual General Meeting, then he/she must contact the Secretary in advance of the Annual General Meeting to confirm their willingness to re-stand. Failure to do this will leave committee with the assumption that they do not wish to be re-elected.

The Artistic Director, appointed at the discretion of the Management Committee, may also sit on the Management Committee in an ex-officio capacity. Termination of their appointment will also be at the discretion of the Management Committee.

The Management Committee may also appoint any person to assist with the weekly workshops and/or additional rehearsals, to work alongside the Artistic Director for any periods as and when necessary. He/she may also sit on the Management Committee in an ex-officio capacity.

The Management Committee may co-opt onto the Committee any person(s) for specific purposes as deemed necessary.

The management Committee reserve the right to offer patronage to friends of the society.

5. Committee Meeting

The Management Committee shall meet at such times as the Chairperson and Secretary deem necessary (Ordinary General Meeting). The agenda shall be drawn up by the Secretary and notified to all members of the Management Committee prior to the meeting. Any Other Business shall be at the discretion of the Chairperson. The quorum for these meetings shall be eight full members of the Management Committee. Any ballot will be decided by a simple majority vote for or against.

An Emergency General Meeting may be called by any member of the Management Committee to discuss a particular issue provided that eight members of the Management Committee support this.

6. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Society, shall be held within three months after the school year end.

The agenda for the AGM shall be the confirmation of minutes of the previous AGM, reports of the Officers to include Annual Statement of Accounts, election of Officers and Management Committee members and any other business proper to an AGM.

A minimum of fourteen days public notice shall be given of the date of the AGM.

All ballots at the AGM shall be decided by a simple majority of votes cast by those persons present.

7. Membership

Application for membership of the Society is restricted to those young persons from age 5 to 6 years(Academi), school year 3 to school year 6 for the Junior Section and from school year 7 to the school year in which they attain their 21st birthday for the Senior Group. No new members will be eligible to join the Society after the school year in which they attain their 18th birthday.

Members moving from the Academi to the Junior group and Junior to the Senior Group will be given priority for the vacancies in those Groups.

If no vacancy exists, applicants may, at the discretion of the Management Committee, have their names placed on a waiting list. He/she will be invited to join the Society should a place become available at any time up until the time when a show has been cast unless the production schedule allows and vacancies exist.

Membership of the Society will be terminated if the conduct of any member is, in the opinion of the Management Committee, detrimental to the interests of the Society, or the safety of its members.

Members need to endeavour to attend on a regular basis. If for any reason they are unable to attend, they need to let the secretary know. Failure to do this after 4 weeks, will mean their name being placed on the waiting list and someone on the waiting list given their place. This will be done at the discretion of the Management Committee.

The enrolment fee for new members and monthly subscriptions shall be set by, and at the discretion of, the Management Committee.

8. Funds

Membership subscriptions are to be paid by monthly Standing Order. Termination of the Standing Order or non-payment will mean the termination of the said individual forthwith.

With prior consent and the member paying full subscription, a leave of absence may be obtained from the society for no longer than 3 months.

The funds of the Society shall be used to attain the objectives of the Society as defined in the Constitution. All funds received from subscriptions and other sources shall be paid into one of the Society's bank accounts.

All cheques issued by the Society will be signed by any two of the Officers of the Society.

Any major expenditure must have the full agreement of the Management Committee.

Appropriate receipts and/or invoices must support cash payments.

No member of the Society or Management Committee shall receive payment for services to the Society excepting for legitimate expenses incurred.

Honorarium payments shall be at the discretion of the Management Committee.

The Treasurer shall keep proper accounts showing all sums received and paid out and shall have authority to issue receipts on behalf of the Society.

9. General

The Artistic Director and/or his/her assistant(s) shall be responsible for workshops, productions and castings.

This Constitution may not be altered except at a General Meeting of which every member of the Management Committee shall receive notice in writing, setting out full details of the proposed alterations.

On joining, each member of the Management Committee will receive a copy of the Constitution.

The Society expect parents to pick up members of the Academi and Junior section from the rehearsal room as the society cannot be held responsible once they leave the room.

All adult helpers or people involved with the young people are DBS checked.

10. Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of the Society, the property of the Society will be realised and after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, shall be given or

transferred to some other institution having aims and objectives similar to the Society, or to be held in trust to financially assist any members of the locality who may further their education in the performing arts. This to be determined by the Management Committee at an Extraordinary General Meeting.

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