

MOTIONS TO CONFERENCE PASSED AT 2018 AGM

Motion 1: Passed as amended

Supporting participation by menstruating people

This Annual General Meeting recognises that menstruation is a normal part of life and that adequate arrangements should be made for this at Woodcraft Folk events to enable full participation for people menstruating.

We therefore ask General Council to ensure that guidelines are prepared for groups to:

- make provision for this, which would include sanitary bins and menstrual products available for anyone in need;
- guidance on how to facilitate open conversations about menstruation.

Actions taken during the year:

- Information about supporting menstruating people has been distributed in the monthly safeguarding update.

Motion 2: Passed as amended

Integration of isolated groups

This Annual General Meeting calls on General Council to develop and execute a specific strategy to encourage more isolated districts to become integrated with wider Woodcraft. In the development of the strategy General Council is required to look for barriers to integration and what kind of activities groups want to join in on.

Actions taken during the year:

- General Council members have attended events with isolated districts.
- We have supported regional events, ensuring they are attended by staff and members of General Council and encouraged isolated groups to attend.
- Common Ground have reached out to isolated districts and groups to encourage them to attend Common Ground and support them in doing so.
- General Council have had workshops on working as one organisation and supporting regions to be more active.

Motion 3: Passed as amended

Diversity in decision-making process

This Annual General Meeting demands greater social, racial and gender diversity at all levels of the Woodcraft decision-making process. We call on General Council to develop and execute a specific strategy to increase the diversity of members engaging with the Woodcraft Folk decision-making process. This strategy shall not put the burden of diversity onto currently underrepresented groups. Instead it should focus on what overrepresented groups can do to be more encouraging and open.

Actions taken during the year:

- General Council have appointed two accessibility reps to focus on making sure Woodcraft Folk's governance is as inclusive and accessible as it can be.
- General Council's accessibility reps have run anti-biased training for General Council members, as well as committed to discussing an area of accessibility at every General Council meeting.
- Sub-group has been created in General Council looking specifically at Governance and how it can be changed to be more accessible and inclusive.

Motion 4: Passed as amended

Establish a fund to support attendance at AGM

This Annual General Meeting notes the barrier of cost to attendance at Annual Gathering. This Annual General Meeting also notes that for the organisation to fulfil its objective of being youth-led, young people should be able to attend the AGM. To reduce this barrier General Council will set up a fund that any member of the movement may apply to, funding their space at that year's Annual Gathering. The money within this fund shall be given by groups and districts who feel they are financially able to 'sponsor' a young person's attendance at AGM.

Actions taken during the year:

- General Council were unable to prioritise creating a fund for this purpose due to very tight budgeting for the 2019 budget.
- General Council have instead reduced the cost of Annual Gathering for DFs to £35 to help encourage youth participation.

Emergency Motion: Passed

Trump Visit

This Conference notes:

The appalling treatment of migrants and refugees, especially of migrant children, imposed by the Trump administration in the US;

The many other actions and policies of the Trump administration which are totally at odds with Woodcraft Folk's Aims, Principles and values;

That these actions and policies are encouraging islamophobic, racist, sexist, homophobic etc. forces in the UK and continental Europe to act along the same lines;

Woodcraft Folk's proud history of supporting refugees and migrants, especially children;

The widespread and broad-based opposition to Trump's visit to the UK on 12/13/14th July.

This conference considers that Woodcraft Folk participation in protests against the Trump visit and against child detentions would promote both our Aims, Principles and values and our long-term aim of being more widely known and understood.

This conference therefore instructs General Council to fully support protests against the Trump visit and against child detentions, to encourage all Woodcraft Folk members, both young people and adults, to participate in appropriate and safe ways and to add Woodcraft

Folk's name and/or logo to any appropriate publicity or statements, provided that any statement etc. is compatible with our charitable status.

Actions taken during the year:

- Woodcraft Folk supported the protests against Trump's visit and actions, and members were encouraged to attend through emails to the membership and social media.
- Members from London Region and South-East Region attended the march.