

Convening Notice

Woodcraft Folk Annual Gathering 2020



Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting and Annual Policy Meeting will take place at Kent County Show Ground, Detling, Maidstone ME14 3JF on Saturday 30 May as part of Woodcraft Folk Annual Gathering 2019. You will also be able to attend at a Glasgow hub at 260 Bath St. Glasgow, G2 4JP. The Glasgow hub will be live linked to the Annual General Meeting and Annual Policy Meeting and attendees will be able to debate and vote on motions from both locations.

Representation and Voting rights

Each registered Group is entitled to be represented by **one voting delegate**.

Each registered District is entitled to be represented by **one voting delegate**.

Each District Fellows region is entitled to be represented by **one voting delegate**.

Registered groups and District Associations are those that have paid their 2020 registration fee by the date of the circulation of the final agenda. Delegates must be fully paid up members by the same deadline.

Motions and amendments to motions may be submitted by: General Council, District Associations, Groups, Commissions, District Fellows Althing and Committee, Regional and National Gatherings.

Dates and Deadlines

Kent Bookings Open

Glasgow Hub Bookings Open

Motions received in writing by

Preliminary Agenda issued by

Earlybird bookings deadline

Amendments to Motions received in writing by

Nominations for elections received in writing by

Bookings deadline

Delegate reg and proxy form issued by

Registration forms received by

Final Agenda issued by

Friday 14 February

TBC by end of February

12 noon, **Friday 6 March**

Friday 27 March

12 noon, **Friday 13 March**

12 noon, **Tuesday 24 April**

12 noon, **Tuesday 24 April**

12 noon, **Friday 8 May**

Monday 4th May

12 noon, **Monday 25th May**

Friday 15 May

Motions and Amendments

Motions and amendments must be submitted in writing to the General Secretary or by email to motions@woodcraft.org.uk. All motions should commence "This Annual General Meeting..." and should include action to be taken. Motions may also be accompanied by a brief rationale which will be published in the final agenda. Other than motions to amend the Articles of Association, motions to amend our governing documents are taken every three years – 2022 is the next Rules Revision year. If you need help submitting or composing a motion, please contact standing orders committee (soc@woodcraft.org.uk) who are very happy to help with any question you may have.

Elections

Nominations for General Council or Standing Orders Committee must be submitted in writing to the General Secretary or by email to nominations@woodcraft.org.uk.

Nominations are invited for:

Five lay members of General Council of any age to serve for a period of **two years**.

Two lay members of General Council aged between 16 and 24 inclusive to serve for a period of **two years**.

Three members of Standing Orders Committee to serve for a period of **two years**.

Nominations may be submitted by District Associations, Groups, and by District Fellows Althing and Committee.

Voting will take place during the day of the Annual General Meeting.

Retiring members of General Council

Lay members

(all eligible for re-election)

Jack Brown
Tom Brooks
Elliot Francis-Hewitt
Jack Walker
Kerry Stapleton

16-24 members

(all eligible for re-election)

Pip Sayers
[1 post vacant]

Retiring members of Standing Orders Committee

(all eligible for re-election)

Alicia Francis
Mia Neibig
David Neibig

Voting processes

Elections for General Council and Standing Orders Committee will be by Single Transferable Vote (STV) as defined by the Electoral Reform Society. Information about this system will be issued in the final agenda with candidate statements and at Gathering before voting begins. There will also be opportunities to ask members of the Standing Orders Committee for further details.

Voting will take place during Annual gathering and the results will be announced on Sunday 31st May.

You can find the full constitutional documents at:

<https://woodcraft.org.uk/resources/results/taxonomy-454>