

Convening notice



Annual General Meeting 2023

Notice is hereby given that Woodcraft Folk's Annual General Meeting and Annual Policy Meeting will take place from 2pm on **Thursday 10th August 2023.**

Members are invited to join the event in person at Biblins Youth Campsite or online. Joining instructions will be shared with the final agenda.

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 2023 registration fee by the date of the circulation of the final agenda/10th July.

Delegates must be fully paid up members by the same deadline.

General Council and Standing Orders Committee elections will take place online in advance of the meeting.

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

Dates and Deadlines

The following timetable has been agreed by General Council:

- Motions received in writing by 12 noon 8th May 2022
- Preliminary Agenda issued by 22th May 2022.
- Amendments to motions in writing by 12 noon 26th June 2022
- Nominations deadline by 12 noon 26th June 2022
- Final agenda 10th July 2022
- Election voting, proxy and delegate forms to be completed by 12 noon 28th July
- Online elections by 12 noon 28th July 2022

Motions

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.

2023 is not a Rules Revision year, as such it is not possible to consider motions which aim to change our governing documents unless the meeting agrees to suspend Standing Orders, but this should only be done in an emergency situation..

If you need help submitting or composing a motion, please contact the 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.

Retiring members of lay members of General Council:

- Jack Brown
- Jeni Dixon
- Jeremy Hudson
- Sapna Agarwal
- Tamsin Pearce

Retiring 16-24 members of General Council:

- Edmund Moriarty
- Spike Asri

Retiring members of Standing Orders Committee

- Ash Taylor
- Ralph Sleigh
- Wilf Lamont

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. There will also be opportunities to ask members of the Standing Orders Committee for further details.

Voting will take place online from 10th to 28th July. The results will be announced on Thursday 10th August.