

Annual General Meeting

Saturday 15th June 2024 2pm

@ local hubs & online

Preliminary Agenda

2pm Welcome

- Introduction to chairing & facilitation team
- Game
- Appointment of Scrutineers and Tellers

2:30pm AGM business

- Standing Orders Report
- 2023 Annual General meeting minutes
- Annual Report & Accounts and the motion: "That the annual report and financial statements of Woodcraft Folk for the year ended 31 December 2023 be received and accepted."
- Appointment of Auditors and the motion "That Buzzacott LLP be re-appointed auditors and that they be paid for their services a sum to be determined by General Council."

3pm Election results

- Thanks to outgoing Trustees & SOC members
- Appointment of General Council members
- Appointment of Standing Orders Committee members

3:15pm Annual Policy Meeting

- Motion discussion
- Emergency motions
- Open discussion of issues important to young people

Motion 1: Response to conflict in Gaza

This Annual General Meeting agrees:

1. PEACE

We support Woodcraft Folk's Palestine statement of 28 February 2024 (see <https://woodcraft.org.uk/palestine-statement/>). Since the Woodcraft Folk stands for peace, and we are based in the UK, we call on the UK government to back an immediate sustained ceasefire and to stop weapons transfers to any/all parties to the conflict, and we should continue to make this call in a public and coordinated way.

Bearing in mind that we are educating children towards responsibility for equality, inclusion and peace in our communities and around the world, through friendship and cooperation <https://woodcraft.org.uk/about-woodcraft-folk/our-aims-principles/>, we believe that we have an important social role in guiding children on how to respond to international conflicts and the harm that they inflict.

Children members of the Woodcraft Folk who wish to express their responsibility through action, should be supported by Woodcraft Folk leaders to make calls for a ceasefire and for halting weapons transfers, and other appropriate calls they want to make about the situation in Gaza and southern Israel or about any other conflict around the world, to their MPs and MSPs.

2. FRIENDSHIP

Since we have partner organisations in the region, and we act on principles of international solidarity, we should enquire after the wellbeing of the members of IFM-SEI in Israel and Palestine (Ajyal, Independence Youth Union, Edward Said National Conservatory of Music, Independent Youth Forum, HaShomer HaTzair, Noar Lomed veOved, as listed on <https://ifm-sei.org/middle-east/>), and this inquiry should be conducted by the Woodcraft Folk leadership and communicated to the members.

- The same inquiry should find out how Woodcraft Folk could be of assistance, remembering the role Woodcraft Folk played in saving children from central Europe in 1939.
- Woodcraft Folk children may be encouraged to send messages of friendship to members of partner organisations, and in particular to those friends from the

Edward Said Conservatory whom we hosted in Kelmarsh in 2022, if this is what our partners in Palestine and Israel find appropriate.

3. SOLIDARITY

- Woodcraft Folk members may be encouraged to raise funds for charities such as [UNICEF](#) that are delivering humanitarian assistance to children in Gaza
- Woodcraft Folk and/or IFM-SEI should explore ways of establishing a mechanism to raise and send funds directly to the Edward Said Conservatory for distribution to their members in Gaza.

The Motion was passed unanimously at the London Region Woodcraft Folk AGM on 3 March 2024.

Submitted by Highgate & Holloway District

Motion 2: Financial support for Venturer Committee

This Annual General Meeting directs all Woodcraft national and international camps to plan to generate a financial surplus for the specific purpose of supporting Venturer Committee.

Submitted by Venturer Committee & Magpie Venturers - Newham
4pm Close