

Convening Notice

Annual General Meeting, 2nd August 2025



Notice is hereby given that Woodcraft Folk's Annual General Meeting and Annual Policy Meeting will take place from **2:30pm on Saturday 2nd August 2025.**

The meeting will take place at Camp 100, Kelmarsh Hall & Gardens, Northamptonshire.

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 2025 registration fee by the date of the circulation of the final agenda/30th June 2025. 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, from 30th June until 25th July 2025.

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 Friday 9th May 2025
- Preliminary Agenda issued by Friday 23rd May 2025
- Amendments to motions in writing by 12 noon Monday 23rd June 2025
- Nominations deadline by 12 noon Monday 23rd June 2025
- Final agenda Monday 30th June 2025
- Election voting, proxy and delegate forms to be completed by 12 noon Friday 25th July 2025

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.

2025 is a Rules Revision year, as such Standing Orders Committee and General Council intend to submit a small number of motions to amend the Articles of Association - these include the term of office for elected Trustees.

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:

In 2022, the movement agreed to support a gender quota, to ensure the voices of non-cis males were represented on Woodcraft Folk’s Board.

Five lay members of General Council of any age to serve for a period of **two years**. At least three must identify as non-cis male.

Two lay members of General Council aged between 16 and 24 inclusive to serve for a period of **two years**. At least one must identify as non-cis male.

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.

The following members of General Council are coming to the end of their term of office:

- Edmund ‘Eddie’ Moriarty
- Joe Bailey
- Niamh Steyaert-Hernon
- Stuart Walker
- Thomas Boxall
- Zacharia ‘Spike’ Asri

The following members of Standing Orders Committee are coming to the end of their term of office:

- Ash Taylor
- Ralph Sleigh
- Wilfred 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 Monday 30th June until Friday 25th July 2025. The results will be announced on Saturday 2nd August.