



LETCHWORTH ARTS AND LEISURE GROUP

CRITERIA FOR LINKED ORGANISATIONS

Linked Organisations were formerly known as Associated Groups. The Committee approved the change of name at its meeting on 25 February 2019. At this meeting the Committee also agreed that the following criteria would not apply to David's Bookshop, which would be considered an exception in view of its longstanding relationship with the Letchworth Arts and Leisure Group (LALG).

Clause 24 of LALG's Constitution states:

1. At the discretion of the Committee, LALG may develop relationships with other organisations in the Letchworth area who offer activities in line with LALG's objects. These organisations will be known as Associated Groups.
2. LALG will publicise Associated Groups on the LALG website and in the LALG newsletter.
3. Each Associated Group shall offer relevant benefits to LALG members, to be agreed by the LALG Committee on a case-by-case basis.
4. Members of Associated Groups are not offered the benefits of LALG membership.
5. The LALG Committee may decide to discontinue any or all of these relationships as the Committee believes desirable, giving a minimum of 60 days' notice.

(Note: The change of name of Associated Groups to Linked Organisations will be noted at the 2019 AGM but the Constitution itself will only be updated if and when more substantive changes are required in the future. Policies and other documentation will be updated when next reviewed).

Any organisation wanting to be considered as a LALG Linked Organisation should make a formal application to the LALG Committee. The Committee will consider the application at one of its meetings and its decision recorded in the minutes of the meeting. Its decision will be communicated to the organisation by the LALG Secretary or a person appointed by the Committee as its representative for Linked Organisations.

Criteria for acceptance as a Linked Organisation

1. The organisation must be local, not for profit and have an approach which is compatible with that of LALG.

2. The organisation's activities should not exactly duplicate those of another Linked Organisation or any full group within LALG.
3. In approving new applications the Committee should ensure that there will be a benefit to LALG as a whole and that it fits one or more of the categories which LALG covers (e.g. sport, art and culture, food and drink, crafts, languages etc.) and that the activity would not be better undertaken by an activity group within LALG.
4. New Linked Organisations should be approved on a selective basis and only if they are seen by the Committee as beneficial in supplementing and supporting LALG's aims rather than simply mechanically meeting the criteria.
5. There is no limit on the number of Linked Organisations. The Committee will consider applications from new organisations provided the above criteria are met.
6. The Committee will keep existing Linked Organisations under periodic review. The Committee reserves the right to terminate the relationship with an existing Linked Organisation if it feels that the organisation's approach is no longer compatible with that of LALG and/or the benefits it offers to LALG members are no longer beneficial or available.

Ongoing relationship with Linked Organisations

LALG will publicise a Linked Organisation's activities and benefits to LALG's Members on LALG's website. It will also provide publicity in LALG's monthly newsletter subject to the requirements of the Newsletter Editorial team and space.

LALG expects a Linked Organisation to provide reciprocal publicity for LALG on its website (if existing) and/or other publicity outlets.

**These criteria were approved by the Committee at its meeting on 27
March 2019**