

Membership - Levenshulme Old Library

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Members Mission Statement

We believe that art and culture enrich our lives. That through the arts we create expressions and connections that shape and build our communities.

Everyone should have the opportunity and resources to develop their personal creative potential. We want LOL to be a space where people can come together collaboratively to spark new ideas and projects. Where people can view art, hear stories, see theatre and be creative.

This looks different to different people. And whether it's starting a journey with the arts or continuing one, we need a place for everyone.

We are a community space run by and for the community. Where everyone's ideas and perspectives are not only valued and heard, but actively sought.

If you want to be part of this, join us, and become a member.

What is a member?

As a member you can be part of shaping what happens at LOL.

You can be involved as much or as little as you like. Community arts should be fun and friendly. A way to get to know people, find supportive partnerships and feel part of something bigger. But we're all time poor and whatever you can do will make a difference.

- get involved with decision making and participatory budgeting
- help decide what happens in and to this heritage building
- work on community engagement
- help to develop the new creator space
- run projects
- submit motions to and vote at the AGM

Don't have any time? You don't have to be an active member; your membership fee will go into a members' fund and enable others to do more.

Code of Conduct

Everyone deserves to feel safe and welcome. This means being mindful of our language and behaviour, and zero tolerance for prejudice and discrimination. It means not making assumptions about identity, experiences, or pronouns.



No language that is racist, sexist, homophobic, transphobic, ablelist, or any other type of discriminatory language, will be tolerated.

We don't expect that everyone will always agree with each other, but discussions and debates must be conducted in a respectful manner, free from intimidation, insults or belittling.

We believe that inclusion must be an active process too: something you actively do, not just something you don't.

Making sure that all voices are heard requires respectfulness, active listening and being mindful that no-one is dominating a discussion. It means creating space for everyone to be heard in meetings if they want to be, and finding ways to make sure people feel included in other ways if they don't.

Any concerns, complaints or worries will be taken very seriously and handled confidentially and appropriately, in line with our complaints procedures. If you want to raise anything at all you can speak to our staff members, or directly to the board of trustees:

chair@levenshulmeoldlibrary.org.uk.