

IVFDF 2006

The 56th Inter-Varsity Folk Dance Festival

Constitution

1. The society is called IVFDF 2006.
2. The purpose of the society is to promote knowledge, understanding and enjoyment of the traditions of the folk dance and music of the British Isles and beyond, especially to students and young people. This shall be achieved by organising and attending the 56th Inter-Varsity Folk Dance Festival (IVFDF).
3. The society shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, religion or political views.
4. The festival is organised by a committee of from 5 to 25 people who share the responsibilities and privileges equally between them. The committee shall elect from its number at least the following officers: Chairman, Junior Treasurer, Secretary and Senior Treasurer.
5. Membership of the society is open to all members of the University and others wishing to attend the festival. A member of the society is entitled to membership of the festival. The membership fee is decided by the committee.
6. Two weeks notice of a committee meeting will be given to all committee members. A majority vote of a committee meeting represents the society. A majority vote of the committee, whether or not at a committee meeting, also represents the society. A committee meeting may elect one of their number to chair the meeting: this person may make a casting vote if necessary but may not otherwise vote.
7. A majority vote of the whole committee is required to elect and dismiss committee members, to elect or change officers, and to modify this constitution.

8. The Senior Treasurer is of MA standing and supervises the finances of the society in accordance with University Regulations.
9. IVFDF-central is not liable for any debt or other obligations arising from the Festival except where agreed by IVFDF-central.
10. In the event of the society making a loss which can not be covered by other means, the cost shall be borne equally by all members of the committee serving during the academic year of the festival.
11. In the event of the society being wound up, all remaining assets shall be passed to IVFDF-central.
12. This constitution is in the public domain, and will be made available to any interested party.

Standing Orders.

1. The standing orders may be changed at any time by a majority vote as specified in section 6 of the constitution.
2. The committee shall devolve areas of responsibility to subcommittees wherever possible. Whole committee meetings should mainly ratify decisions made by subcommittees.
3. No partners should serve on the same subcommittee as each other.
4. People should aim to serve on a committee for 2 years.
5. Subcommittee meetings should be announced to the whole committee in advance.
6. Minutes of all committee and subcommittee meetings shall be made available by the Secretary to all committee members, via a password-protected website.
7. All committee members must be on between 1 and 3 subcommittees.
8. Subcommittees can and should invite members of other subcommittees to meetings where appropriate.
9. No one may chair more than one subcommittee.
10. The chair may move people between subcommittees if deemed necessary.

11. The Junior Treasurer shall chair the finance subcommittee, and shall receive and issue cheques in a manner approved by the finance subcommittee.