

York CVS Membership Criteria

Full members of York CVS are eligible to vote at General Meetings and to nominate people for election to the Board of Trustees. This gives our members a real voice in the direction of the organisation; your organisation.

For this reason our membership is exclusive to voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations that genuinely operate in and around York, are truly supporting good causes and have embodied this in their structure and organisation. Our membership criteria in full are set out below. You are asked to confirm that you meet these criteria.

Criteria for Full Membership

1. The activities of the member organisation benefit the wider community of York and its surrounding area:
 - 1.1. There is a clear primary purpose which is charitable or for some other good cause
 - 1.2. The primary purpose must not be to generate profit for individual gain and therefore, a minimum of 50% of any profits must be reinvested in the charitable or good causes
 - 1.3. There are clear community beneficiaries and people are not unnecessarily excluded
 - 1.4. The organisation is based in York or has significant beneficiaries in York
2. If the member organisation winds up, remaining assets will be transferred to another organisation with a similar purpose and beneficiaries (known as an asset-lock). For organisations that are not charities, the asset-lock will be embodied in a governing document.
3. The purpose, beneficiaries and asset-lock are embodied in a governing document
4. The governing document and activities of the member organisation are overseen by a governing body:
 - 4.1. The governing body should not be a statutory body, be controlled by or appointed by a statutory body
 - 4.2. The governing body should be made up of at least three independent people who must not be related. Where the applicant's governing body does not include three independent people the applicant must be able to provide evidence to satisfy York CVS Board as to the integrity and appropriateness of the applicant's governing body and governance arrangements. The York CVS Board's decision in this regard will be final.
5. The aims and activities of the member organisation are not party political
6. The member organisation is committed to principles of equality. Where the member is a religious organisation, its activities are not solely for the propagation of religious views

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