

CONSTITUTION

NAME

CLADDAGH ASSOCIATION OF ADULT IRISH DANCE, MANCHESTER

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

To learn and teach adult Irish step and ceili dancing for enjoyment, fitness and social interaction.

MEMBERSHIP

The association welcomes adult newcomers with or without experience, age 18 and over, up to 4 times a year, space and capacity permitting, and at the discretion of the committee. Details are published on our website.

The association is non-discriminatory and non-political and is open to all.

Members are asked to attend, where possible, whenever an official meeting of the association takes place.

Class fees are **£5.00** per week. The treasurer will establish the process for collection.

No individual is paid for teaching dancing. Class fees are collected for the purpose of the venue payment. Surplus money is used to benefit the whole group: i.e. for social activities and expenditures.

Notice of any proposed variation in these fees will be given in advance to all members.

TEACHING

The Claddagh model encourages all dancers to support teaching and learning, at levels they feel comfortable with.

Christine Mathewson is a registered ceili dance teacher and holds the TMRF qualification with CLRG (An Coimisiun La Rinci Gaelacha). This allows The Claddagh Association members to enter ceili competitions run by 'An Coimisiun'. Help with ceili dance teaching is also welcomed.

GROUP ACTIVITIES

The group meet once a week on a Monday evening between 7pm and 9pm. The venue is: The Irish World Heritage Centre, 1 Irish Town Way, Cheetham Hill, Manchester, M8 0AE

ORGANISATION

There will be a Chairperson (or a floating chairperson) who will be responsible for chairing meetings, a Secretary who will keep minutes and a record of members and be responsible for correspondence; a Treasure who will be responsible for keeping accurate

accounts and making and receiving any payments on behalf of the group and a Social Secretary who will lead in the organisation of social events. Help with these roles and also with Social Media work will be drawn from the membership – these roles can be allied to the committee and developed as needs arise.

All class members are requested to assist the committee members in their duties as required.

In addition to the above there are a number of permanent Committee positions (Agreed at the AGM on 5th Dec. 2016) these are:

Website administrator – Held by Val Morgan

Registered Ceili Teacher (TMRF) – Held by Christine Mathewson

Founding members of the class if not Officer Bearers (Anita Seddon and Julie Carss)

The committee will remain in place and members should give at least a months' notice to the secretary of their wish to vacate a position. In this case a replacement committee member will be sought from the class membership.

The Claddagh Committee has full jurisdiction to make decisions on behalf of the class to ensure it remains viable and up to date.

MEETINGS

There will be an Annual General Meeting, all class members are requested to attend. A minimum of two weeks' notice will be given.

Full class meetings will be arranged as necessary and at least one weeks' notice will be given to class members.

The committee will meet quarterly or more if this is deemed necessary.

All meetings will be either face to face or on a virtual platform dependent on suitability at the time.

Minutes will be kept of all meetings.

FUNDS

Any funds will be the responsibility of the Treasure and any appointed assistants. The accounts will be available for examination on application and a report will be given at the AGM.

ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

The constitution will be updated as necessary with the agreement of Committee Members and where necessary the wider membership.

DISSOLUTION

The group may at any time be dissolved by a resolution passed by two thirds majority of members. Such a resolution will provide for the distribution of any funds remaining.

This constitution was initially adopted on the 16th June 2008 and the name ‘Claddagh Association of Adult Irish Dance’ was adopted on that day. Alterations other than date changes will only be made as noted above.

Date of last review: July 2025