

The Companies Acts 1948 to 2006

COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE AND NOT
HAVING A SHARE CAPITAL

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

OF

VOLUNTARY ACTION-LEEDS

1. The name of the Company (hereinafter referred to as “the Charity”) is VOLUNTARY ACTION-LEEDS.
 2. The Registered Office of the Charity will be situated in England.
 - 3.(A) The Charity is established for charitable objects and purposes only.
 - (B) In particular the Charity is established for the public benefit -
 - (1) to promote, assist and encourage social service and all or any purposes for the benefit of the community in the City of Leeds which now are or hereafter may be deemed by law to be charitable and in particular by assisting the work of statutory authorities and voluntary organisations engaged in advancing education, the furthering of health, relieving poverty, distress and sickness or in pursuing any object which now or hereafter may be deemed by law to be charitable;
 - (2) to promote and organise co-operation in the achievement of the above purposes and to that end to bring together representatives of the authorities and organisations engaged in the furtherance of the above purposes or any of them within the City of Leeds.
 - (C) In furtherance of the objects and purposes hereinbefore defined, but not further or otherwise, the Charity is established for the following additional objects:-
 - (1) To assist any body or bodies financially or otherwise in the furtherance of the above purposes or any of them.
 - (2) To obtain, collect and receive money and funds by way of contributions, donations, subscriptions, legacies, grants or any other lawful method, and to accept and receive gifts of property of any description (whether subject to any special trusts or not) for or towards the above purposes of any of them.
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- Note: name changed from ‘Leeds Council of Social Services’ (Incorporated) 1974 and from ‘Leeds Council for Voluntary Service’ in 1988.
- (3) To act as trustee and to undertake or accept any trusts or obligations which are charitable in accordance with the purposes of the Charity.

- (4) To invest any money subject or representing property subject to the jurisdiction of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales, in or upon any investments authorised by law for the investment of trust funds and with such sanction as may be required by law with respect to moneys subject to such jurisdiction.
- (5) to purchase, take on lease, or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire in any manner any real or personal property.
- (6) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (4) of this sub-clause, to invest and deal with the moneys of the Charity not immediately required in such manner as may from time to time be determined.
- (7) To borrow or raise money in such manner and upon such terms as the Charity shall think fit, and in particular upon the security by way of mortgage, charge, debenture or otherwise of all or any part of the property of the Charity.
- (8) To sell, manage, develop, let, mortgage, or otherwise deal with all or part of the property, rights and privileges of the Charity as may be deemed expedient with a view to the promotion of its objects.
- (9) To procure to be written and print, publish, issue and circulate, gratuitously or otherwise any reports or periodicals, books, pamphlets, leaflets, or other documents in furtherance of the above purposes of the Charity or any of them.
- (10) To arrange and provide for or join in arranging and providing for the holding of conferences, exhibitions, meetings, lectures and classes to further the above purposes of the Charity or any of them.
- (11) To transfer or dispose of, with or without valuable consideration, any part of the property or assets of the Charity not required for the purposes for which it is formed to any body having charitable purposes or a charitable purpose as its only objects or object provided that such body is not carrying on business for profit or gain for distribution by way of dividends, bonus, or otherwise amongst its members.
- (12) To apply for, promote and obtain or join in applying for, promoting or obtaining any Act of Parliament, Provisional Order, Royal Charter or licence of any authority, necessary or desirable for the furtherance or realisation of any of the objects or purposes of the Charity, and to take all such steps and proceedings and to do all such acts and things either alone or jointly with others whether by opposing applications or proceedings or otherwise, as shall be necessary or expedient to protect the interests of the Charity.
- (13) To federate or amalgamate with, affiliate or become affiliated, to any body having charitable purposes or a charitable purpose germane to the objects of the Charity as its only objects or object and to acquire and undertake all or any part of the assets, liabilities and engagements of any such body which the Charity may lawfully acquire.
- (14) Subject to the provisions hereinafter contained, to employ and pay officers and other persons or bodies whose services are required or deemed expedient for carrying out any of the objects of the Charity.

- (15) To provide for the welfare of employees or ex-employees of the Charity (not being members of the Charity) by grants of money, pensions or otherwise.
- (16) To insure the property of the Charity against any foreseeable risk and take out other insurance policies to protect the Charity when required and to pay for Indemnity Insurance for the trustees
- (17) To do all such other lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or purposes.

And throughout this clause the word “body” includes any association, institution, or aggregate of persons, whether incorporated or unincorporated.

Provided that the Charity shall not support with its funds any object or endeavour to impose on or procure to be observed by its members or others any regulation, restriction or condition which if an object of the Charity, would make a trade union.

Provided also that, in case the Charity shall take or hold any property subject to the jurisdiction of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales, the Charity shall not sell, mortgage, charge or lease the same without such authority, approval or consent as may be required by law.

- 4. The liability of the members is limited.
- 5. Every member of the Charity undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Charity in the event of the same being wound up while he is a member or within one year after he ceases to be a member for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Charity contracted before he ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves, such amount as may be required not exceeding one pound.
- 6. If, upon the winding up or dissolution of the Charity there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Charity, but shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Charity, and which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property amongst its or their members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Charity under or by virtue of clause 4 hereof, such institution or institutions to be determined by the members of the Charity at or before the time of dissolution or, if and so far as effect cannot be given to the aforesaid provision, then to some charitable object.
- 7. Words and expressions defined in the Articles have the same meanings in the Memorandum.