

Constitution of Wolverhampton Speakers Club

ARTICLE I - NAME AND AUTHORITY

1. The club shall be known as **Wolverhampton Speakers Club** or other name as shall be approved by an Annual General Meeting of the club.
2. Wolverhampton Speakers Club shall be an independent self-governing speakers club.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

The objectives of Wolverhampton Speakers Club (WSC) are:-

1. To help members to improve their ability to communicate effectively.
2. To provide its members with instruction, educational materials and opportunities to gain skill and experience in the preparation and delivery of speeches.
3. To encourage members to read and listen analytically.
4. To increase members' knowledge of the rules of business procedures in the conduct of Meetings and participation in group discussions.
5. To develop the self-confidence of members.
6. To provide opportunities and encouragement for members to appear before audiences and to express their thoughts credibly.
7. To become a Beacon of Excellence in Public Speaking in the City of Wolverhampton and surrounding areas.

ARTICLE III – AFFILIATION

The Club shall not be affiliated to any political or religious body.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

1. The Club shall be a mixed-gender club whose members are at least 16 years of age.
2. A change in the gender or age composition of membership may only be done by the passing of a Special Resolution to amend the Club Rules, requiring a majority in favour of at least two thirds of those present, entitled to vote and voting at a Regular, General, or Special General Meeting of the Club.

ARTICLE V- MEETINGS

1. The Club shall meet regularly as provided for in its Rules.
2. Special Meetings may be called by a majority vote in favour at a Regular Meeting at which a quorum is present, or by the President of the Club, or by a majority of the Club Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI - ENTRANCE FEE AND DUES

Each member shall pay fees and dues as prescribed in the Club Rules.

ARTICLE VII – GOVERNANCE

1. The Governing Body of the Club is the General Council of the Club.
2. The General Council of the Club shall be the Club Membership meeting in Special or Annual General Meetings of the Club.
3. The Executive Body of the Club is the WSC Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII - OFFICERS

The Officers of the Club shall be the Club President, a Treasurer, and such others as may be provided for in the Club Rules. All Officers, together with the Immediate Past Club President, constitute the Executive Committee of the Club. The Officers shall be elected as provided for in the Club Rules.

ARTICLE IX - QUORUM

One third of the active membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Club unless otherwise provided for in the Club Rules.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended to change the name and/or location of the Club by a Resolution adopted by a two thirds majority of members present, and voting, at any Meeting of the Club. Such an amendment must have been proposed by an active member at the Meeting immediately preceding that at which it is to be considered.