

# Watford Film Society



## The Constitution

### 1. Name

The Society shall be known as Watford Film Society, referred to here as 'the Society'.

### 2. Objects

The objects of the Society are:

- a) To advance the education of the public in the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of film (and allied visual techniques).
- b) To encourage interest in film as an art form and as a medium for public education and for the distribution of information, by means of the exhibition of films of artistic, cultural or scientific character.
- c) To promote the study and appreciation of films by such means as lectures, discussions and exhibitions.
- d) Such lectures, discussions and exhibitions will be open to the public, unless contractual requirements restrict to members only.

### 3. Membership

- a) Membership of the Society is open to anyone over the age of age twelve, on payment of the current appropriate fee and at the discretion of the committee.
- b) The Annual Subscription shall be set by a proposal at the Annual General Meeting.
- c) Membership of the Society shall entitle the holder to reduced price admittance to film screenings throughout the year; ticket prices and membership fees to be published annually on the Society website.
- d) Membership of the Society shall entitle the holder to priority booking for any other events for which an additional charge may be made.
- e) Membership of the Society shall entitle the holder to attend Annual or other General meetings.
- f) Membership of the Society shall entitle the holder to one vote at Annual or other General meetings.
- g) Membership of the Society may be revoked on non-payment of subscription or other good cause.

#### **4. Management**

- a) The business of the Society shall be managed by a Committee of at least three members and no more than ten members. The Committee shall consist of a Chair, a Treasurer, a Secretary and such other Officers as may, from time to time, be appointed.
- b) The Committee Members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and hold office until their successors are elected at the next Annual General Meeting.
- c) The quorum for a Committee meeting shall be more than 50% of the total Committee membership and there shall be at least three such meetings in a year.
- d) The Society shall hold a General Meeting at least once a year. A Special General Meeting may be called at any time by the Committee or upon written request being made of the Committee signed by at least 25% of members.
- e) The quorum for General Meetings shall be three Members.
- f) The Society shall be non-political, i.e. it shall not espouse the cause of any political party.
- g) The Society shall not be run for the private profit of a Members or Members. Any balance at the end of the year shall be carried over and devoted to the Objects of the Society.
- h) No Members or Committee Members shall receive payment directly or indirectly for their services or for anything other than legitimate expenses incurred in work for the Society.
- i) Accounts will be produced annually and examined by an independent person.
- j) The Society shall not be wound up except by a resolution of 75% of those present at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose. In the event of a winding up, the remaining funds of the Society shall not be distributed among the Members but be passed to a non-profit making organisation or organisations with objects similar to those of the Society. Such organisations shall be chosen by the Committee in consultation with the British Federation of Film Societies or a like organisation.

#### **5. Alteration of Rules**

No alteration of rules shall be made except by a resolution of 67% of those present at a General Meeting. No amendment shall be made which would cause the Society to cease to be a not-for-profit organisation.

#### **6. Provenance**

The constitution was first agreed at a Committee meeting of the Watford Film Society held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2010 and formally adopted, with minor amendments, at the first Annual General Meeting of the Society held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2010.