

NEWRY DRAMA FESTIVAL

CONSTITUTION

NAME:

The Festival shall be called “Newry Drama Festival”.

AIMS:

- (1) To foster, develop and promote drama in the Newry area.*
- (2) To organise amateur drama festivals.*

MEMBERSHIP:

Membership shall be open to the people interested in its aims. A person can become a member of N.D.F. by purchasing a Season Ticket for the annual Spring Festival (or paying a membership fee equivalent to the price of a Season Ticket. Every member shall have full voting rights at the A.G.M. or at an E.G.M.

COMMITTEE:

A Committee of 16, inclusive of the four main Officers, shall be elected by attendance at the A.G.M. All Committee members shall be honorary, and shall be members of Newry Drama Festival. The four main Office-Bearers viz the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer, shall be elected at the A.G.M. Thereafter the Committee may further designate other Officers, and co-opt further members at its discretion.

MEETINGS:

The A.G.M. shall be held after the Spring Festival, and not later than June 30th for the adoption of the Reports of the Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer, the election of Officers and Committee and the transacting of business.

An EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING may be called by the Honorary Secretary, when directed by the Committee, or on a requisition signed by 20 members. At least ten days notice of such a meeting should be given to the Honorary Secretary.

Committee meetings shall be held, as and when required.

The Chairman, or in his absence the Vice-Chairman, shall preside at all meetings. All major decisions shall be decided by a simple majority of the votes cast by those eligible to vote, the Chairman having a casting vote only in the event of an equal number of votes being cast for and against any proposal.

However, this Constitution can be altered, changed or replaced only by a two-thirds majority at an A.G.M. or an E.G.M.

FINANCE:

All monies belonging to the Newry Drama Festival shall be paid into such Bank or Banks, as may be specified by the Committee. Cheques drawn on the Newry Drama Festival Account shall be signed by the Honorary Treasurer and the Honorary Secretary. The Honorary Treasurer shall keep the accounts of the Newry Drama Festival in a full and accurate form and shall present a financial statement of all receipts and expenditure to each A.G.M.

DISSOLUTION:

The Festival can be dissolved only at an A.G.M or an E.G.M. and by a resolution passed with a two-thirds majority. In the event of such a resolution being passed, any monies belonging to the Festival after the satisfaction of all its debts, shall be handed over to an organization with similar aims, such organization to be designated in the resolution dissolving the Festival.