

# Constitution of the Body Psychotherapy Network (UK)

## 1. Title

The Association shall be named the BODY PSYCHOTHERAPY NETWORK (UK)

## 2. Aims

The aims of the Association, hereafter referred to as the Network, shall be:

(i) to provide a community, a platform, and a voice for Body Psychotherapy and body psychotherapists, recognising, celebrating, and promoting the diversity of trainings, experience, and practice, both established and emergent.

(ii) to offer its members a means to network, share and promote events and trainings, and cross-pollinate ideas.

(iii) to support the hosting of regional groups and meetings.

(iv) to provide a dedicated Find A Therapist page on the Network's website for members to list their trainings, experience and areas of interest.

(v) to host an Annual Gathering

## 3. Membership

a) Membership of the Network shall be open to therapists identifying and resonating with body psychotherapy as the core of their practice.

The Network will operate from a principle of inclusion, trust, and self-identification;

however, it may ask for further information, and reserves the right to decline membership.

The Network is not an accrediting body, nor a regulator; however members may be subject to challenge if negative information about their practice comes to its attention.

b) Membership may be deemed to have lapsed only in case of failure to pay the annual subscription within 90 days after the date at which such subscriptions were due.

c) Members' Vested Rights - All rights and interest in the Association and in the property thereof, shall be vested in the members for the time being, but on the cessation of membership by death, resignation or otherwise, neither the member nor their representative nor assignees shall have any right, title or interest in or claim upon the Funds of the Association.

d) Liability of members - Members shall have no financial liability beyond their liability for their annual subscription, except for a possible surcharge to meet some abnormal expenditure, providing that such expenditure has been in the first place approved at an Annual General Meeting, or at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose.

## 4. The Steering Group

a) The Network's business inc membership lists, bank account, website, and meetings, shall be managed by a Steering Group consisting of up to ten Steering Group members, drawn from and open to the membership.

b) The Steering Group's preferred means of reaching a decision shall be by consensus, at least to the extent that all members are willing to accept the majority decision even if they do not agree with it.

## **5. Investment of Funds**

Any cash balance of any kind accruing to the Network from whatever source shall be invested by the Treasurer or Administrator in the name of the Network in Securities authorised by law for investment of Trust Funds or placed on deposit receipt or invested in a Savings Account or in a Savings Bank.

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