

CONSTITUTION

The European Fellowship

The organisation shall be known as the European Fellowship (known in this document as the 'Fellowship').

- 2 The Fellowship is a Regional Fellowship of The Global Fellowship – a Family of Christian Youth Organisations.
- 3 In accordance with the constitution of The Global Fellowship and the entitlements contained therein, the Fellowship shall regulate its operations and activities in accordance with this constitution.
- 4 The Fellowship brings together organisations in Europe that are:
 - 4.1 an integral part of the Christian Church,
 - 4.2 ecumenical in membership and or outlook,
 - 4.3 working with and for children and young people, and
 - 4.4 organised on democratic principles.
- 5 The Fellowship will work closely with Christian churches at local, national and European level.

Aims and Objectives

The Fellowship aims to assist organisations that form part of it to:

- 6.1 raise the awareness of young people to the needs of others (especially other young people) locally, nationally and globally and encourage them to engage in activities and projects in which they can make a difference,
- 6.2 share regularly with each other bilaterally and multilaterally in leader training and in exchanges of people, ideas and information at all levels of membership in each organisation,
- 6.3 share experiences of the Christian faith, develop personal faith and deepen the Christian content of its member's mission,
- 6.4 develop organisation's commitment to, and experience of member participation and involvement, and
- 6.5 provide a central distribution of information about local and national events run by its organisations to which other Fellowship organisations are invited.

Members

In accordance with the constitution of The Global Fellowship, all organisations that are members of The Global Fellowship within the European region shall automatically

be deemed to be members of the Fellowship. This clause also applies to any organisation that is subsequently admitted to membership of the Global Fellowship.

- 8 The Fellowship shall admit members in accordance with the Standing Orders but the status of membership other than such arising from clause 7 shall be regarded as provisional.
- 9 The Fellowship shall be governed by its members and shall carry out its aims and objectives with organisations in touch with it.

Use of Income

- 10 In furtherance of clause 6 but not otherwise, the Fellowship may exercise the following powers:
 - 10.1 to draw, accept and issue bills and cheques and to operate bank accounts in the name of the Fellowship,
 - 10.2 to raise funds and to invite and receive contributions provided that in raising funds, the Fellowship will not undertake any substantial permanent trading activities,
 - 10.3 to co-operate with other charities, voluntary bodies and statutory authorities operating in furtherance of the aims and objectives or similar purposes and to exchange information and advice with them,
 - 10.4 to employ staff in accordance with an express resolution of an annual or general meeting where appropriate financing requirements have been addressed, and
 - 10.5 to do all such other lawful things as are necessary for the achievement of the aims and objectives.
- 11 The income and property of the Fellowship shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the aims and objects in clause 6 and no part shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, to members, observers or their representatives.

Standing Orders

- 12 The constitution shall be read in conjunction with the Fellowship's Standing Orders that shall exist to govern the procedure and method by which the Fellowship shall operate.

Application of Law

- 13 This constitution and any standing orders that may exist shall be construed and take effect in accordance with English Law.

Changes to the Constitution

- 14 Any changes that are to be made to this constitution shall be tabled for discussion at an annual or general meeting. Prior to any changes being made to the constitution, the matter shall be tabled for consideration and confirmation at a subsequent annual or general meeting.

