

## CONSTITUTION – as approved at the AGM on 21st March 2021

### TITLE

1. The Organisation shall have the title “Laban Guild International”; also known as The Laban Guild.

### OBJECTS

2. The purpose of the Organisation shall be the promotion and advancement of the study and practice of human movement particularly recognising the contribution made by the late Rudolf Laban and as ancillary thereto the following subsidiary purposes:

- a) To provide opportunities for the exchange of ideas and the promulgation of knowledge of human movement and to foster awareness of the significance of movement particularly but not exclusively in the spheres of dance performance, choreography, dance in education, recreative dance, drama, therapy, action profiling, personality assessment and ergonomics as recognised areas of Laban’s work.
- b) To encourage and participate in research into the study of human movement and to publish the results of such research.
- c) To promote the development of movement as an art form.
- d) To promote lectures, courses, conferences and discussion groups to impart a wider understanding of the artistic, cultural, educational and therapeutic significance of the art of movement.
- e) To promote live demonstrations, festivals, re-creative and community dance groups and other like expositions.
- f) To do all such matters and things as may appear to the Organisation to be incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above-mentioned objects or any of them but only with the approval and confirmation of the Charity Commission.

3. The Organisation is an unincorporated non-profit-making association and accordingly all income should be applied exclusively towards the objects thereon.

4. The Organisation shall consist of:

- a) Individual Subscribers who shall be private individuals interested in the objects of the Organisation and who shall be eligible for membership of the Committee.
- b) Group Subscribers who shall be associated groups concerned and interested in the objects of the Organisation
- c) Honorary Subscribers who shall be such persons as the Organisation may at its discretion consider qualified for Honorary status particularly such persons whom it regards having made some outstanding contribution to the furtherance of the objects of the Organisation.
- d) The annual subscription fee shall be fixed from time to time and the Committee shall have power to increase/reduce fees in special circumstances.
- e) All fees are payable annually from date of first payment
- f) Subscription will lapse if it is not renewed within one month of the annual renewal date.

### 5. COMMITTEE

- a) The Committee shall consist of a minimum of three members and a maximum of six who shall also be Trustees plus any co-opted subscribers required to achieve the objects of the Organisation.
- b) Trustees shall include Secretary and Treasurer.

### 6. ADMINISTRATION

The general administration, control and direction of the Organisation shall, subject to the Constitution, be vested in the Committee and for that purpose the Committee shall:

- a) Keep Minutes of all Meetings of the Committee
- b) Keep accounts of all receipts and payments made by or on behalf of the Organisation and prepare and post on the Charity Commission website annual accounts that have been certified by the Organisation's Independent Examiner.
- c) The Committee may appoint one or more sub-committees consisting of three or more members for the purpose of making any enquiry or supervising or performing any function or duty which in the opinion of the Committee would be conveniently undertaken or carried out by a sub-committee: provided that all acts and proceedings of any such sub-committees shall be fully and promptly reported to the Committee.
- d) Have a general power of determination of Committee members whose membership is prejudicial to the Organisation or who fail to attend Committee meetings within the period of one year.
- e) Have power to fill a vacancy on the Committee as and when the same occurs.

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

7. The Committee shall meet virtually at least 6 times a year and on such occasions as circumstances shall require and three members shall form a quorum.

#### ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

- 8.a) Subject to the following provisions of this clause the Constitution may be altered by a resolution passed by the Committee
- b) No amendment may be made to clause 1 (the name of the charity clause), clause 2 (the objects clause), clause 9 (the dissolution clause) or this clause without the prior consent in writing of the Commissioners.
- c) No amendment may be made which would have the effect of making the Charity cease to be a charity at law.
- d) The Committee should promptly send the Commissioners a copy of any amendment made under this clause.

#### DISSOLUTION

9. If the Committee decides that it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the Charity the Committee shall have power to realise any assets held by or on behalf of the Charity. Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities shall be given or transferred to such other charitable institution having objects similar to the objects of the Charity as the members of the Committee may determine or failing that be applied for some other charitable purpose. A copy of the statement of accounts, or account and statement for the final accounting period of the Charity must be sent to the Commissioners.

10. This Constitution shall come into force following submission to the Charity Commission.