

**CYC In Harmony**

 **Constitution**

**Article I: Name** The name of the organization shall be CYC In Harmony, herein referred to as "the Choir."

**Article II: Purpose** The purpose of the Choir is to provide a welcoming and supportive environment for individuals to rediscover their love of singing, improve their vocal skills, and engage in musical performances.

**Article III: Membership**

1. **Eligibility:** Membership is open to anyone with an interest in singing, regardless of prior experience or skill level.
2. **Joining:** Prospective members may join by attending rehearsals and expressing their interest to the choir director or membership coordinator. There is an audition process where we are looking for basic singing skills – This is either via a test session with the choir or a relaxed informal audition with the music director.
3. **Commitment:** Members are expected to attend rehearsals regularly, participate in performances, and abide by the Choir's Code of Conduct.

**Article IV: Meetings**

1. **Rehearsals:** Rehearsals will be held every two weeks at Penkhull Village Hall between 7pm and 9pm. Full term dates are shared prior to the term start date.
2. **Special Meetings:** Additional meetings, workshops, or rehearsals may be scheduled as needed. Members will be notified in advance.

**Article V: Leadership**

1. **Choir Director:** The choir director is responsible for leading rehearsals, selecting music, and guiding the artistic direction of the Choir.
2. **Committees:** The Choir has established a committee (e.g., membership, social, fundraising) to support various aspects of the organisation. Committee members will always be volunteers from within the Choir.

**Article VI: Decision-Making**

1. **Decisions:** Major decisions affecting the Choir (e.g., performance schedules, financial matters) will be made collectively by the Choir's leadership and, when appropriate, by a vote of the membership.
2. **Voting:** Each member present at a designated voting meeting shall have one vote. A simple majority of votes cast shall determine the outcome.

**Article VII: Finances**

1. **Dues and Fees:** Membership dues and any additional fees (e.g., for sheet music or uniforms) shall be determined by the Choir's leadership and communicated to members.
2. **Fundraising:** The Choir may engage in fundraising activities to support its operations and goals.
3. **Budget:** An annual budget shall be prepared by the Choir's leadership and presented to the membership for approval.

**Article VIII: Conduct** Members are expected to adhere to the Choir's Code of Conduct, which outlines expectations for behaviour, participation, and respect within the organisation.

**Article IX: Amendments**

1. **Proposal:** Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by any member of the Choir.
2. **Approval:** Proposed amendments must be reviewed by the Choir's leadership and presented to the membership for a vote. A two-thirds majority of votes cast shall be required for adoption.

**Article X: Dissolution** In the event of the dissolution of the Choir, any remaining funds or assets shall be distributed to a charitable organization determined by the Choir's leadership.

**Article XI: Adoption** This constitution shall be adopted by a majority vote of the Choir's founding members and shall take effect immediately upon adoption.