



Triratna Buddhist Community

Membership of Triratna Charities

DRAFT MODEL POLICY

The following is a draft policy for membership of Triratna charities. It is based on that adopted by the North London Buddhist Centre.

Introduction

In accordance with its constitution, the Council of the Triratna Buddhist Centre (XXX) has decided to establish a membership scheme and invites local Order Members to consider becoming members of the Triratna Buddhist Centre (XXX), ie the charity that runs the Centre.

The role of Members

Membership offers a means for a wider circle of Order Members to play a part in the development of the Centre.

Members will be entitled to attend general meetings and in particular the AGM, when the membership of the Council is decided. They will have a vote when Council Members (the trustees of the charity) are elected and can propose prospective new Council Members.

Members of the charity will have no legal responsibilities or liabilities and will not be directly involved with the running of the charity which will remain the responsibility of the Council.

Criteria for Membership

Members should be actively involved in the work of the Centre, either through teaching, supporting classes, or volunteering, and all members should be loyal and sympathetic to the Triratna Buddhist Community and Order.

Size of Membership

We would like the membership of the charity to be made up of a group of 10 to 20 members of the Triratna Buddhist Order. The present size of the membership will be taken into account when considering new applications for membership, but this shall not be a determining factor.