



East Devon Alive

Private Members Association

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Our Core Basis And Mission Statement

East Devon Alive Private Members Association (EDA PMA) referred to as 'Our Association', is founded by a team offering their equitable time and efforts to support other men and women in building healthy communities, independent of all others and in the private realm.

We are a group with a wealth of experience in a range of modalities. Our aim is to expand our knowledge and skills so we can all maximise our health and wellbeing whilst safely navigating the challenges of this ever changing world.

We intend to:

- Cause No Harm, No Loss, No Injury
 - Honour Our Contracts
 - Promote Informed Choices
 - Build Healthy Communities
 - Endeavour to Always be Honourable in Everything We Do
 - Endeavour to Always Do Our Best
 - Act Reasonably and Proportionately According to the Circumstances
 - Endeavour to Provide a Safe Place in the Private for Community Services
 - Be Open and Honest About Realistic Outcomes
 - Treat Each Other With Respect - Valuing Diversity & Different Points of View
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Our Core Values And Principles

We believe:

- Equity is at the heart of our values and principles. He who seeks equity must do equity.
- Freedom is everyone's right to say, think and do whatever we want to do, without limits whilst agreeing to use our freedom wisely, striving never to cause harm, loss or injury to others. Everyone has this innate human right.
- In Integrity, honesty, self-awareness, and a strong moral compass. We will always strive to do our best.
- In Community – we are inclusive and value our diverse, integrated and collaborative community.
- In Transparency - meaning clear and open communication encouraging calm debate without censoring.
- That access to healthcare, education, art, farming and other services is a right, not a privilege. We embrace an integrative approach to health, education, art, farming and other community services.

- In Self-Empowerment
- In Taking Personal Responsibility for, and control of, our own lives, our own choices and our own health.
- In working collaboratively with all our Members.
- We are all equal regardless of our role and we welcome everyone.
- Access should not be limited by ability to pay. We explore and offer alternatives to 'payment', e.g. an exchange or barter system.

Our Constitution

1. Our Name

The name of our Association shall be East Devon Alive Private Members Association (otherwise known as 'EDA PMA'), referred to throughout this entire document as 'Our Association'.

2. Our Core Aims

The core aims of Our Association shall be to:

- a) Strive at all times to cause no harm, loss or injury.
- b) Honour our contracts.
- c) Act reasonably and proportionately according to the circumstances.
- d) Promote, create and build healthy communities independent of all others and in the private realm throughout East Devon plus Lyme Regis.
- e) Embrace an integrative approach to health, education, art, farming and other community services.
- f) Educate and encourage empowerment of Our Members to step away from fear and facilitate local connections to optimise individual potential, without the need for insurance and registration of any kind.
- g) Create directories of: practitioners, teachers, farmers, and other community services which Our Members can offer or use.
- h) Promote
 - informed choices;
 - openness, honesty and transparency; and
 - networking opportunities;
- i) Endeavour to always do our best.
- j) Treat each other with respect, valuing diversity and different points of view.
- k) Endeavour to always be honourable in everything we do.
- l) Promote Natural Law, Sovereignty, Equity, Privacy and Home Education.
- m) Encourage calm debate without censoring.
- n) Promote and support:
 - Regional Sub-Divisions of Our Association throughout East Devon plus Lyme Regis;
 - Farming, growing and the provision of food, education and the arts;
 - Various community groups and projects covering all aspects of community life who share our aims and values.
- o) Promote local trade networks.
- p) Endeavour to promote and provide a safe place in the private for community services.

3. Our Powers

To achieve our Core Aims, Our Association may:

- a) Funds
 - Raise money
 - Open bank or other accounts; and
 - Make such other financial arrangements as Our Association may think appropriate.
- b) Employ people of integrity.

- c) Property
 - Acquire, manage and dispose of any buildings and property. This may require forming a Foundation¹; and
 - Equip buildings and property acquired for its use.
- d) Organise courses, workshops and events.
- e) Work with other Associations and share or exchange information.
- f) Remuneration
 - Remunerate any such staff as Our Association may employ for the sole purpose of fulfilling its aims; and
 - Remunerate any of Our Members for expenses reasonably incurred in carrying out their duties or functions.²
- g) Carry out any other duties in order to fulfil its aims.

4. Private Members Association

- a) Our Association is entirely:
 - a 'Private Members' Association, operating in the private realm for the benefit of each of Our Members;
 - an unincorporated association guided by the Guiding Members³
- b) Our Association shall at all times conduct, transact or carry out community services in the 'Private' only.

5. Our Association's Members

- a) Our Association shall be available to any member applicant over 18 years of age⁴:
 - without regard to gender, race, colour, ethnicity, nationality, disability, sexual preference, religion, belief or medical status.
 - who is willing to honour
 - i) a set of principles contained and referred to in the Members Application and Agreement specified in 5 b) below;
 - ii) all parts of this entire document; and
 - iii) additional rules made by the Guiding Members.
- b) All applications to become a member of Our Association must be in a written form of Members Application and Agreement ('the Form') approved from time to time by the Guiding Members.
- c) The Form will be tailored to the type of members application, and must include:
 - the name, email and postal address, telephone number and age of the applicant.
 - confirmation the applicant has read, understands and is supportive of the contents of all parts of this entire document.
 - the applicant's personal declaration and agreement to a set of principles contained and referred to in the Form.
 - confirmation of the applicant's consent for the processing of their data strictly within the boundaries and private realm of Our Association.
 - any other relevant information the Guiding Members deem necessary in order to consider any applicant's application.
- d) The Form (once completed and signed) is to be submitted to the Guiding Members for approval.
- e) Acceptance of each applicant shall be at the discretion of the Guiding Members.
 - The Guiding Members have the right to refuse any applicant's application by a majority of at least two-thirds of those Guiding Members present at a meeting called to consider any such application.
 - Any rejection of a member's application shall be for good reason (provided the Guiding Members fully comply with their duties set out in Our Constitution).⁵

¹ Trustees may be used in this situation.

² Policies relating to remuneration will be added when needed.

³ Guiding Members are those members who guide our Association.

⁴ Applications for under 18's will be considered on their merits.

⁵ The Guiding Members shall have the final say in reaching its majority decision.

- Any applicant who has his or her application rejected shall have the right and opportunity to be heard by the Guiding Members before any final decision is made.
- f) The applicant must value and treat other fellow members of Our Association with respect at all times.
- g) The Guiding Members shall have the right to expel any member of Our Association:
- where any such member has failed to act and honour the terms of all parts of this entire document, or
 - is found to be in breach of that member's personal declaration and agreement to the set of principles contained and referred to in the Form, or
 - for good reason.
- Any such member facing such expulsion shall first have the right and opportunity of being heard by the Guiding Members, before a final decision whether to expel that member is made.
- h) Any individual member may resign or otherwise cease being a member of Our Association at any time if he or she chooses to do so, by providing written notice to the Guiding Members.
- On receiving such notification, that member will be removed from the Members' List, whereupon he or she shall immediately cease to be a member of Our Association.
 - The resignation or other termination of such a member does not automate refunds or rebates nor remove any liability for amounts owed to Our Association or to any fellow member.
- i) No member can transfer his or her member's rights to anyone else.
- j) All rights attached to being a member of Our Association, including any interests in Our Association's assets, shall automatically terminate and cease with immediate effect on the resignation, expulsion or death of any individual member.
- k) The actions or omissions of any individual member shall be the sole responsibility and liability of that individual member and shall not be binding on Our Association or any of Our Members, unless ratified by the Guiding Members.

6. Regional Sub-Divisions of Our Association

- a) Each Regional Sub-Division of Our Association may appoint two members of Our Association to act as their representatives, at least one of whom is requested to attend Guiding Members meetings.
- b) All business conducted in each of the Regional Sub-Divisions shall be conducted in the private only.
- c) No decisions or resolutions made or passed and/or votes taken at any Regional Sub-Division meeting shall be binding on Our Association.
- d) Only those decisions made at a Guiding Members meeting may be binding on Our Association.

7. The Guiding Members

- a) The Guiding Members shall:
- carry out the activities of Our Association and any property matters which Our Association may from time to time hold and enjoy;
 - meet at least 4 times a year;
 - keep minutes of each of their meetings; and
 - oversee Our Association's goals and objectives in fulfilling Our Association's aims in accordance with the terms set out in this entire document.
- b) These goals and objectives shall be carried out according to contract law which apply to unincorporated associations operating in the private only.
- c) The Facilitator⁶ shall chair all meetings of Our Association.
- d) All property of Our Association, including money, is to be held in trust in the private only and used by the Guiding Members for the exclusive benefit of Our Association.

8. Conflicts, Complaints, Grievances, Issues and Remedies

If any member should become aware of any conflict or have any complaints, grievances, issues or any other matter for which a remedy needs to be sought, then such a member must:

⁶ The Facilitator is the original instigator of Our Association until another Facilitator is chosen by Our Members.

- i) Immediately report any such conflict, complaint, grievance, issue or any other matter to the Guiding Members.
- ii) Any member is entitled to make representations to the Guiding Members.
- iii) All remedies must strictly be sought within Our Association. No such conflict, complaint, grievance, issue or other matter can be taken out of the private realm into the public or outside of Our Association.
- iv) After full consideration of the necessary representations and facts the Guiding Members decision to remedy the situation is final.

9. Finance

- a) Our Association reserves the right to cover ongoing expenses through member contributions, fees and/or subscriptions. Any such request shall be made in writing.
- b) Our Association will ask for members subscriptions for members joining Our Association as Business Users.
- c) Member subscriptions will always be kept to the minimum required to allow Our Association to carry out its aims in a diligent and efficient manner.
- d) Where there is a genuine inability to donate the full subscription, after making representation to the Guiding Members, reductions will be made available wherever possible.
- e) A fee for a full directory listing on our website will incur a charge. Our Association would welcome donations from those who benefit from a basic listing on our website.
- f) The Guiding Members shall have the right to review the amount of any such contributions or subscriptions when the need arises.
- g) Non payment:
 - If any contributions or subscriptions become payable at any time and a member does not pay within a period of three months from the time of the renewal and are not exempt from payment as in d) above, that member shall automatically be removed from the Members' List of Our Association.
 - Any such former member having been removed from being a member of Our Association shall be entitled to reapply to again become a member, provided that all and any such contribution or subscription arrears shall have been paid in full to Our Association when reapplying.
- h) Funds raised through:
 - Members' donations, subscriptions and/or other contributions, and
 - any events organised by or on behalf of Our Associationbelong to Our Association.
- i) Members are invited to suggest and organise community projects where donations would be allocated to or donated from Our Association.
- j) Use of funds
 - Any remuneration obtained and all donations, gifts, contributions and other funding received by Our Association shall only be used in fulfilling Our Association's aims; and
 - Any remuneration and/or gift given by Our Association may, if the Guiding Members so choose, be given on a voluntary basis.
- k) Any accounts and/or wallets opened for Our Association shall be in the exclusive name of Our Association.

10. General and Special General Meetings

- a) Our Association must hold a General Meeting (GM) at least once every twelve months following the adoption of this Constitution.
- b) The General Meeting is open to all members.
- c) Our Association may hold Special General Meetings at any time, should the need arise for any reason.

11. Alterations to Our Constitution, Our Core Basis and Mission Statement, Our Core Values and Principles, Our Mind Map and Members Acceptable Conduct

- a) Any changes to any part of this entire document (consisting of those parts mentioned above) must be agreed by a majority of at least two-thirds of those members present and voting at any General or Special General Meeting called for this purpose.
- b) If and when any such changes are made, the entire document containing the agreed changes must be made available to all Our Members on request.

12. Dissolution

- a) Our Association may be wound up at any time if agreed by a majority of at least two-thirds of those members present and voting at any General Meeting or Special General Meeting called for this purpose.
- b) In the event of the winding up of Our Association,
 - any assets remaining after all debts and liabilities have been paid shall be returned to active paid up members of Our Association, and
 - no member of Our Association shall be personally or otherwise liable to:
 - i) contribute to Our Association's assets, nor
 - ii) be responsible for settling Our Association's debts and liabilities.

Members Acceptable Conduct

Each Member of Our Association will be required to act and honour the following:

- 1) Strive at all times to cause no harm, no loss and no injury.
- 2) Be equitable in all dealings conducted within Our Association.
- 3) All principles contained and referred to in their Members Application and Agreement.
- 4) All parts of this entire document (as may be amended from time to time).
- 5) Accept decisions made from time to time by the Guiding Members.
- 6) Uphold and embody the principles of natural and common laws, and rules of equity, at all times.
- 7) Treat all within Our Association as equal.
- 8) Act with respect and kindness, valuing diversity and different points of view.
- 9) Be open, transparent and honest in all dealings conducted within Our Association.
- 10) Honour all contracts, transactions and dealings.
- 11) Act reasonably and proportionately according to the circumstances.
- 12) Keep all community services, practices, support and other dealings strictly within the private realm only and within Our Association.
- 13) Act with self-autonomy.
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 - a) Act peacefully and respectfully without intentionally causing any harm, loss or injury.
 - b) Violence or intentional harm, loss or injury of any kind will not be tolerated.
 - c) Any breach of these matters may result in the termination and/or expulsion of any member causing or carrying out any such acts from Our Association with immediate effect.
 - d) Acting in self defence will be acceptable.
- 15) Be responsible for reporting any wrong doings by other members to the Guiding Members.
- 16) Every member is Sovereign. Each member can and is permitted to conduct any dealings wherever the member chooses to do so (whether in the private or public realm). But any dealings within Our Association are always in the private.
- 17) Explore and offer to all other members of Our Association alternative methods of 'payment' without limiting access by ability to pay, which can (for example) include an exchange or bartering system.

Our Mind Map



The contents of this document will be reviewed from time to time if the need arises.

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