

THE ROYAL PARKS GUILD

MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA AND CATEGORIES

The Aim of The Royal Parks Guild is to support and promote London's Royal Parks in a manner that befits their status, unique heritage and cultural value through the input and support of Guild members, whilst developing and maintaining a range of social activities that benefit its membership.

- The Royal Parks Guild hereafter referred as the, Guild
- Membership and Professional Affairs Committee hereafter referred to as the, MPAC
- The Royal Parks Guild Steering Group hereafter referred to as the Management Committee

ADMISSION OF MEMBERSHIP

The Guild will, through its activities, bring together those people who work for, have worked for, or been associated with, The Royal Parks and wish to support the Aims and Objectives of the Guild. In this regard, the categories of membership (listed overleaf) are available to the MPAC to bestow on potential members for recommendation of admission to the Guild. The MPAC will meet, as necessary, or confer by email to consider prospective applications and make recommendations that will be put before the Guild's Management Committee for ratification.

Individuals and/or organisations may apply to the Guild and propose a category of membership that they believe to be commensurate with their experience and background, or may apply to become a member and invite the MPAC to determine the most suitable category based on the evidence placed before them by the prospective member or organisation.

Concurrent with the foregoing is the opportunity for Guild members to put forward the names of individuals or organisations they consider worthy of consideration by the MPAC for admission to the Guild.

The categories of membership can be found overleaf, along with indicative criteria or experience, background and other relevant information. In certain circumstances it maybe a requirement that prospective members provide copies of documents or the relevant evidence that supports their application, along with the application form.

Most categories of membership of the Guild will incur the payment of an annual subscription, to be set by the Finance Committee, and approved by the Guild's Management Committee at the Annual General Meeting.

There is no automatic right of succession from one category of membership to another. Members that believe they have the necessary qualifications to transfer from one category of membership to another shall be required to apply in writing to the MPAC and to exemplify their case, providing supporting evidence. In all matters of membership, the decision of the MPAC and the Management Committee is final and not open to appeal.

The Guild reserves the right to refer member's behaviour or activities judged by them to bring the Guild into disrepute or that, in their view, is incompatible with membership of the Guild to the MPAC. This Committee has the authority to recommend to the Guild's Management Committee cessation of membership, or other action that they believe to be appropriate. The decision of the Guild in this respect is final and is not open to appeal.

CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

**FULL MEMBER
ASSOCIATE MEMBER**

**HONORARY MEMBER
APPRENTICE MEMBER**

Once membership is agreed the applicant will be notified and a membership card issued

FULL MEMBERSHIP

The Royal Parks Guild (TRPG) is a worldwide network of current and former contributors to the work of The Royal Parks (TRP), who are judged by the Management Committee to merit membership. Full membership, unless otherwise stated, will eventually confer the right to vote at the Annual General Meeting on matters covered by the Agenda and that requiring a decision from TRPG membership, and to stand for 'office' within the Guild once a constitution is in place. The scope of potential full members is as follows:

- A current employee (but without the right to vote)*
- A past employee, with usually a minimum of one year's service*
- Consultant, Contractor or Concessionaire, to TRP, past or present, with usually a minimum of one year's involvement* (but without the right to vote)
- A past member of The Royal Parks Constabulary or current equivalent with usually a minimum of one year's service*
- Volunteer, past or present, who has completed the appropriate induction training and worked with TRP for usually a minimum of one calendar year* (part time or full time) in whatever capacity, e.g. pro bono, volunteer, post graduate research worker, gap year student etc.
- Others who have contributed to the work of TRP and which the Management Committee consider worthy of full membership

(*or less , at discretion of Management Committee)

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP (A non-voting member)

The scope of potential members will be as follows:

- Wife, husband, partner and family members who continue to make and/or who have made a contribution to the administration and/or activities of TRPG
- A person deemed to have given outstanding service to TRP and/or the TRPG but does not fulfil the criteria for full membership
- Associates will pay a subscription set at 50% of the Full Member rate

Associate Members will receive all the benefits of membership, but without the right to vote

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP (A non-voting member)

- Honorary membership will be conferred on those people that are deemed to merit special recognition of a unique or exceptional association with TRP or TRPG.

APPRENTICE MEMBERSHIP (a non-voting member)

- Membership of the TRPG will be conferred, free of charge, on those people currently undergoing training through the TRP Apprenticeship Scheme. Free membership will lapse once the apprentice successfully completes the scheme (currently a three year period) or resigns partway through the scheme. Those apprentices having successfully completed the scheme will be entitled to continue their membership of TRPG as a full member upon payment of the annual subscription.