



**Aniridia
Network**

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Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2018

Held at: 11.00am 14 April 2018 at Resource For London, 356 Holloway Road, London, N7 6PA.

Present: Members including trustees: Katie Atkinson, James Buller, Martin Fleming, Emily Nash

Apologies: None

Welcome

James opened the meeting as chair and outlined the agenda. He noted that this was the first meeting of the full meeting of the new charitable incorporated organisation 'Aniridia Network'

Aniridia Network UK AGM minutes 2016

The minutes of the 2016 AGM have been available online. They were agreed as an accurate record by the members present.

Annual report of the years 2016/17 and 2017/18

James explained that registration with the Charity Commission required a transition from the previous unincorporated association to a new charitable incorporated organisation. This change and the time it took resulted in no AGM in 2017

Since the last meeting, Ben Rendle has stood down. Emily Nash was appointed by the Trustees to serve as Treasurer instead.

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The trustees therefore took turns presenting reports on the areas they lead about the past 2 years. All those who had volunteered and helped during the year were also thanked for their efforts.

Finance

The charity's annual accounts for 2016/17 and 2017/18 were presented. A legacy bank account with COOP was closed down and, about £6,000 transferred into our main account. Financial management has been improved by using Quickbooks software and establishing reserve of £3,000.

Charity registration

This was completed with the Charity Commission on 23 January 2018. Our records with HMRC need to be updated in order to claim Gift Aid.

Questions

Members were given the opportunity to ask the Trustees questions about the years under review.
No questions were raised.

Elections for trustees

James explained that the rules of the new organisation mean that from now on a third of trustees will now retire by rotation each year. So those elected now could be in post for 1, 2 or 3 years.

The following current trustees were re-standing and further person had nominated themselves:

- Katie Atkinson
- James Buller
- Emily Nash

- Martin Fleming
- Eleanor Burke

James described how for brevity, unless there are objections, the custom is to appoint the nominees en-masse rather than individually. He proposed this and it was seconded from the floor.

The meeting then voted unanimously to appoint the nominees as Trustees.

Governance consultation

James described an idea to reform the membership scheme by limiting it to people who have aniridia or a representative of such people. He also outlined an alternative: changing the organisation from an association to a trust, which does not have members or AGMs. There was not time to discuss this further.

Any other business

No other items of business were raised.
The meeting closed at 11.30am