



## **Group Constitution**

### **Aims**

OWL Scotland aims to increase the opportunities for learning outdoors.

### **Objectives**

#### **Provide First hand learning experience**

Increase the use of outdoors for exploring and discovery for learning

Using learning outdoors to help to develop a sense of place and belonging and develop a deep connection to the natural world

#### **Increasing knowledge, skills and understanding of outdoor environments,**

Increase opportunities for adults to learn and develop pedagogical skills for use outdoors

By using a range of outdoor environments encourage depth, breadth and progression in learning, including practical skills

#### **Learning for Sustainability**

Increase opportunities to learn about the natural world and how it links to social and economic factors locally, in Scotland and globally, by going outside.

#### **Health and Wellbeing**

To increase recognition of the way that learning outdoors impacts positively on health and wellbeing.


OWL Scotland supports the development of local OWL group activities by offering support for any constituted OWL group.

1. The group shall be called .....*Midlothian*.....Outdoor & Woodland Learning Group
2. The group will cover the following geographical area  
.....*Midlothian*.....
3. All activities will be in support of the OWLS aim and will be in accord with the objectives of OWL Scotland and its supporting organisations.
4. To fulfil this aim:

- (a) Activities, in furtherance of the aim and objectives or for the benefit of the group, shall be undertaken from time to time as members' see fit.
  - (b) Money shall be raised when necessary for carrying out the aim and objectives of the group; funds raised shall be applied for those aims as the members' see fit. The group will act in accordance with OWL Scotland funding governance.
5. Membership shall be open to any individual or organisation interested in taking an active part in the work of the group. A list of members of the group will be kept in accordance with the Data Protection Act.
  6. The group shall hold regular meetings to discuss its policy and administration. All members shall be entitled to attend and these meetings will be publicised in advance. The group shall also hold an annual meeting. A quorum for a meeting will be 6 members.
  7. Such officers shall be appointed to form a Steering Group as are required to conduct the administration of the group. These include a chairperson, treasurer and secretary. These officers shall be in charge of the day-to-day running of the group, but shall be answerable to meetings of members.
  8. A bank account in the name of the group is to be held, with a minimum of 2 authorising members. Accounts shall be kept by the treasurer, and submitted to an annual audit and approved at the annual members meeting. Copies will be provided to the OWLS manager on request. When conducting activities involving the public, vulnerable individuals and children, the OWL group will comply with the Scottish legal framework and act in accordance with safe working practices.
  9. The OWL group acknowledges that OWL Scotland is entitled to require that the group ceases to be a constituted OWL group where the group persistently or wilfully acts in contravention to the provisions of the constitution, or otherwise brings OWLS into disrepute. It will be at the absolute discretion of OWL Scotland whether in the circumstances it is appropriate to require immediate termination of the group. If the group shall, by general consent of its members, cease to exist, all assets shall pass to Outdoor & Woodland Learning Scotland.
  10. The group undertakes that it will not represent itself as anything other than a local OWL group furthering the aims and objectives of OWL Scotland and in particular not to pass itself off as OWL Scotland or pledge the credit of OWL Scotland.
  11. The group will not make any changes to the constitution without the agreement of OWL Scotland.

Signed .....  ..... Date ..... 1/7/19 .....

(Group Chairperson)

Signed ..... CATHY SAMOU  ..... Date ..... 21/8/19 .....

(Group Secretary)

Signed .....  ..... Date ..... 1/7/19 .....

(Group Treasurer)