

PURPOSE

This Code of Conduct outlines the responsibilities and standards expected of Council Members of the GSD League of Great Britain. By accepting a Council role, members agree to uphold the principles of integrity, independence, accountability, and respect in all League matters.

1. GENERAL CONDUCT

Council Members must:

- Act with honesty, integrity, and sound judgement.
 - Seek professional advice when necessary on matters beyond their expertise.
 - Always act in the best interests of the GSD League.
 - Uphold the League's reputation through professional and ethical behaviour.
 - Comply with the GSD League Constitution and all associated governance documents.
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2. INDEPENDENCE AND INTEGRITY

Council Members must:

- Remain independent in decision-making, especially regarding assets, legal obligations, and regulatory matters.
 - Avoid conflicts of interest, including financial or personal gain for themselves or connected individuals or organisations.
 - Refrain from accepting gifts or hospitality that may influence their role.
 - Avoid any conduct that may appear improper or compromise impartiality.
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3. ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Council Members are expected to:

- Understand and fulfil their duties diligently.
 - Prepare for and participate in meetings and events as agreed.
 - Dedicate sufficient time and attention to their role.
 - Respect the authority of the Chair and contribute constructively to discussions.
 - Maintain a balance between speaking and listening and treat all views with respect.
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4. COLLABORATION AND CONDUCT

Council Members must:

- Support volunteers and fellow members through respectful and fair engagement.
 - Serve as role models for the League's values and standards.
 - Respect boundaries between governance and operational roles.
 - Avoid interference in delegated duties while ensuring accountability through appropriate channels.
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5. LEGAL AND CONFIDENTIAL OBLIGATIONS

Council Members must:

- Comply with relevant laws, including health and safety, data protection, and employment legislation.
 - Maintain confidentiality on sensitive League matters, unless disclosure is required by law or necessary to protect the League's interests.
 - Ensure that all correspondence from the GSD League is issued by the General Secretary unless otherwise agreed on an ad-hoc or role related basis.
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6. BREACH OF CONDUCT

- Any breach of this Code will be reviewed by the Council.
 - Members may be asked to meet with the Council to assess their continued suitability.
 - Repeated or serious breaches may result in termination of Council membership.
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MEMBER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

By signing below, the Council Member confirms their understanding and commitment to this Code of Conduct.

Signed: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____
