

## **NORTH WEST FM - MEMBERSHIP POLICY**

### **Eligibility for membership**

North West FM accepts membership applications from individuals who are willing to operate within the North West FM constitution, policies and the Community Radio Broadcasting Codes of Practice. Applications for membership will be rejected if the applicant/s refuses to abide by these conditions. Membership may not be rejected on the grounds of gender, cultural background, sexual orientation, religious and political beliefs, physical or mental ability.

Individuals and groups may apply for membership in writing by obtaining a membership application form. Membership forms will be made available on the North West FM website, studio premises and may also be requested by email or post.

Membership is approved by the Committee of Management at regular meetings.

### **Appeal of rejected membership application**

If the Committee of Management rejects a membership application, the reasons for this rejection must be detailed in writing to the applicant. The applicant has a right to appeal this decision in writing to the President of North West FM requesting that the Committee of Management review the application.

A review of application for membership will be heard at an extraordinary meeting of the Committee of Management within 21 days of the request for review. At this meeting the applicant will have a right to speak in favour of their application, and provide any evidence that may support acceptance of their application for membership.

### **Termination of membership**

Where it can be shown that a member operates in a manner which breaches the North West FM constitution and policies, the Community Broadcasting Codes of Practice, misuses membership, makes false statements about membership of North West FM, maliciously damages property belonging to North West FM, endangers the safety of members or any individual in the care of North West FM, such individuals will have their membership summarily terminated.

Decisions relating to the termination of membership will be made by the Committee of Management. Such decisions will be communicated in writing by the President to the individuals concerned. A review process as outlined in 'Appeal of rejected membership application' will apply in the instance of terminated membership.

Non-payment of membership fees within 2 months of the due date will result in termination of membership by default and does not require communication in writing.

A member may also resign in writing. At the discretion of the Treasurer, there will be no entitlement to refunded membership fees when the resignation occurs after six months from payment of fees.

### **Privacy of members' personal information**

North West FM adheres to the Information Privacy Principles set out in the *Information Privacy Act 2000*.