

AGM Notice 2024

183rd Annual General Meeting of The London Library

Tuesday 26 November 2024, 6.00 pm in the Reading Room
at The London Library

We expect to be able to offer attendance online as well as in person. All details will be made available on our website at www.londonlibrary.co.uk/AGM2024 and final arrangements will be announced nearer the time on our website and via our e-newsletter.

AGENDA

1. Chair's Welcome and Approval of the Minutes of the 182nd Annual General Meeting held on 14 November 2023
2. Director's Roundup of the Year
3. Collection Update
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Building Project
6. The adoption of the 2023-2024 Annual Report and Accounts.
7. Appointment of Auditors
8. Retirement and Election of Trustees
9. Confirmation of the Trustees' proposals for membership fees, subscriptions and charges

NOTES TO THE AGENDA

Agenda item 1. Minutes of the 182nd AGM and Agenda item 6. 2023-2024 Annual Report and Accounts: These are available to view on our website at: www.londonlibrary.co.uk/about-us/agm-annual-reports. Paper copies of the Annual Report may be requested by email to: director@londonlibrary.co.uk

Agenda item 3. Collection Update: The Director for Collections and Library Services will give an update on how we are managing our shelf capacity and our continuing commitment to new book acquisitions.

Agenda item 5. Building Project: The Director will present a summary of the Building Project for discussion with members. Pursuant to a specific request from a member, this will, in particular, include a discussion addressing questions over the desirability, financing, implementation and the operation of the proposals for Phase 2 (that is, the 6th Floor renovations, Roof Terrace and Accessible Lift). As ever, members' feedback will be very welcome. For information in advance of the meeting, members are recommended to visit the Building Connections page on our website which covers the aims and scope of the project: www.londonlibrary.co.uk/aboutus/the-capital-campaign-building-connections or refer to our booklet *The London Library Capital Campaign: Building Connections*, which was posted to members in May and is also freely available at the Library.

Agenda item 7. Appointment of Auditors: The Trustees propose the re-appointment of MHA as our auditors for the financial year 2024-2025.

Agenda item 8. Retirement and Election of Trustees:

The following Trustees retire: Yassmin Abdel-Magied, Philip Broadley, John Colenutt, Isabelle Dupuy, Patrick Fleming, Stephanie Hall and Stephen Withnell.

Yassmin Abdel-Magied, John Colenutt, Patrick Fleming, Stephanie Hall and Stephen Withnell are eligible for election to a second (and final) term and are accordingly put forward for re-election.

The following members are also put forward for trusteeship this year. Their biographies are also available at: www.londonlibrary.co.uk/about-us/agm-annual-reports

Anni Domingo (member since April 2024)

Anni is an actress, director, lecturer and award-winning writer who works in radio, TV, films and theatre. Her first screenplay *Blessed Assurance* is out later this year and an extract from her debut novel *Breaking the Maafa Chain* features in *The New Daughters of Africa* anthology. She is currently working on *Ominira*, her second novel as part of her PhD. Her trustee and governance experience includes being a member of the Sheffield Theatres Trustees Board, a Governor on Rose Bruford College's Board of Governors and Chair of the Theatre Peckham's Board of Trustees.

Paul Gismondi (member since January 2023)

Reverend Gismondi is Priest in Charge of All Hallows on the Wall. He was ordained at St Paul's Cathedral in 2016 and from 2020-2024, he was Domestic Chaplain in Ordinary to the Marquess of Salisbury, having previously ministered at Holy Trinity Sloane Square and the Sandringham Benefice in Norfolk. Born in Cleveland, Ohio, his first career began on Wall Street, at The Bank of New York and then at Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company. Posted to the UK in 1985, he spent 24 years as a partner at Lazard & Co and also served on the boards of several publicly listed companies. A longtime Fellow of the Morgan Library in New York, and former trustee of LAMDA, he is currently a trustee of The Trusthouse Charitable Foundation, along with two other charitable trusts.

Charles Spicer (member since June 2012)

Charles has served on the Library's Buildings & Facilities Committee since 2018 as a Co-optee. Following a career in the City specialising in the medical sector, Charles now splits his time between writing, business and the third sector. A warden of the Fishmongers' Company, he is also Deputy Chair of the Royal Humane Society and served as High Sheriff of Greater London in 2019 and as a school governor in both the state and private sectors for 20 years. Charles is a fellow of the Royal Historical Society. His first book, *Coffee with Hitler: The British Amateurs Who Tried to Civilise the Nazis* was published in 2022 and he is working on his next.

Steven Whitaker (member since June 2021)

Steven is currently studying for a part-time MA in 'Shakespeare Studies'. He is Chief Operating Officer of Equistone, a European Private Equity firm, where he has been a Partner since joining in 2016. Prior to that, he worked at two other international Private Equity companies in London and Frankfurt. He has represented the industry at senior level, including at the House of Lords during his tenure as Tax Committee Chairman of the British Private Equity and Venture Capital Association. Steven started his career in finance at KPMG, where he qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1995. He later joined the Guild of Chartered Accountants and now chairs its Livery Committee.

Agenda item 9. Proposed membership fees from 1 January 2025:

The Trustees propose an increase to ordinary membership paid by annual Direct Debit, of 1.8% to £575 per annum, saving members £60 on the cost of membership by other methods. Full membership by other payment methods will increase by 3.3%, to £635 (£52.92 monthly). These increases have been carefully considered in light of the prevailing rate of inflation and the cost pressures we know members are currently facing. The changes to fees for all membership types are given below. All individual membership types receive a discounted rate when paid by annual Direct Debit.

With regard to Life Membership, we propose to split the existing 75-79 age band into two with a reduced fee for those in the older age bracket. We also propose to increase the fee for the over 80s from £1,500 to £1,600 whilst all other bands increase by 1.8%.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

Full membership	£635	£52.92 /month
<i>Payment by annual Direct Debit</i>	£575	
Remote access membership	£305	£25.41 /month
<i>Payment by annual Direct Debit</i>	£255	
Associate membership	£410	£34.16 /month
<i>Payment by annual Direct Debit</i>	£360	
Spouse/partner membership	£317.50	£26.45 /month
for spouse/partner of full annual/life member		
<i>Payment by annual Direct Debit</i>	£287.50	
Young persons' membership	£317.50	£26.45 /month
for all members aged 16-29		
<i>Payment by annual Direct Debit</i>	£287.50	
Temporary overseas membership	£317.50	
for overseas visitors, 4 months' duration		
Extra borrowing allowances		
Additional 5 volumes	£55	

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Age	Fee (£)	Age	Fee (£)
80 and over	£1,600	50 to 54	£16,400
78 to 79	£3,100	45 to 49	£18,400
75 to 77	£4,600	40 to 44	£20,100
70 to 74	£6,800	35 to 39	£22,100
65 to 69	£8,900	30 to 34	£24,100
60 to 64	£12,300	25 to 29	£25,700
55 to 59	£14,200	18 to 24	£26,800

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Public libraries (per volume)	£55
Educational/charitable institutions	£1,070
(10 or more staff/members)	
Additional 5 volumes	£160
Other institutions	£1,900
(10 or more staff/members)	
Additional 5 volumes	£268
Smaller institutions	£755
(Less than 10 staff/members)	
Additional 5 volumes	£109