

Community Meeting

Forming a Society

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First, The Most Important Thing

We're not changing the event.

Leeds First Friday is free. Always.

No VIP gold tickets. No entry fee. No registration.

We're **not** changing the event.

This meeting is about **what happens underneath.**

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We've Built Something Beautiful

Thousands of us, every year.

Record numbers of newcomers.

Regular and one-off events.

A huge online community.

Safety, planning and partnerships.

We got big.

18 Years In.

Knowledge lives in people's heads.

Money sits in personal bank accounts.

When someone steps back, there's uncertainty.

**Something this loved deserves better
foundations.**

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Society

Introducing the **Leeds First Friday Society**



Think of it like a football club.

Bank account.

Elected people running it.

Members who shape where it goes.

If people leave, the club carries on.



Why a Society?

Lasting. Built beyond any one of us.

Clear. Everyone knows how it works.

Open. More ways for you to get involved.

Yours. A stronger voice for members.

Growing. Funding and grants within reach.



Membership? 🙄

Not membership to attend LFF.

Membership of the **LFF Society** that runs LFF.

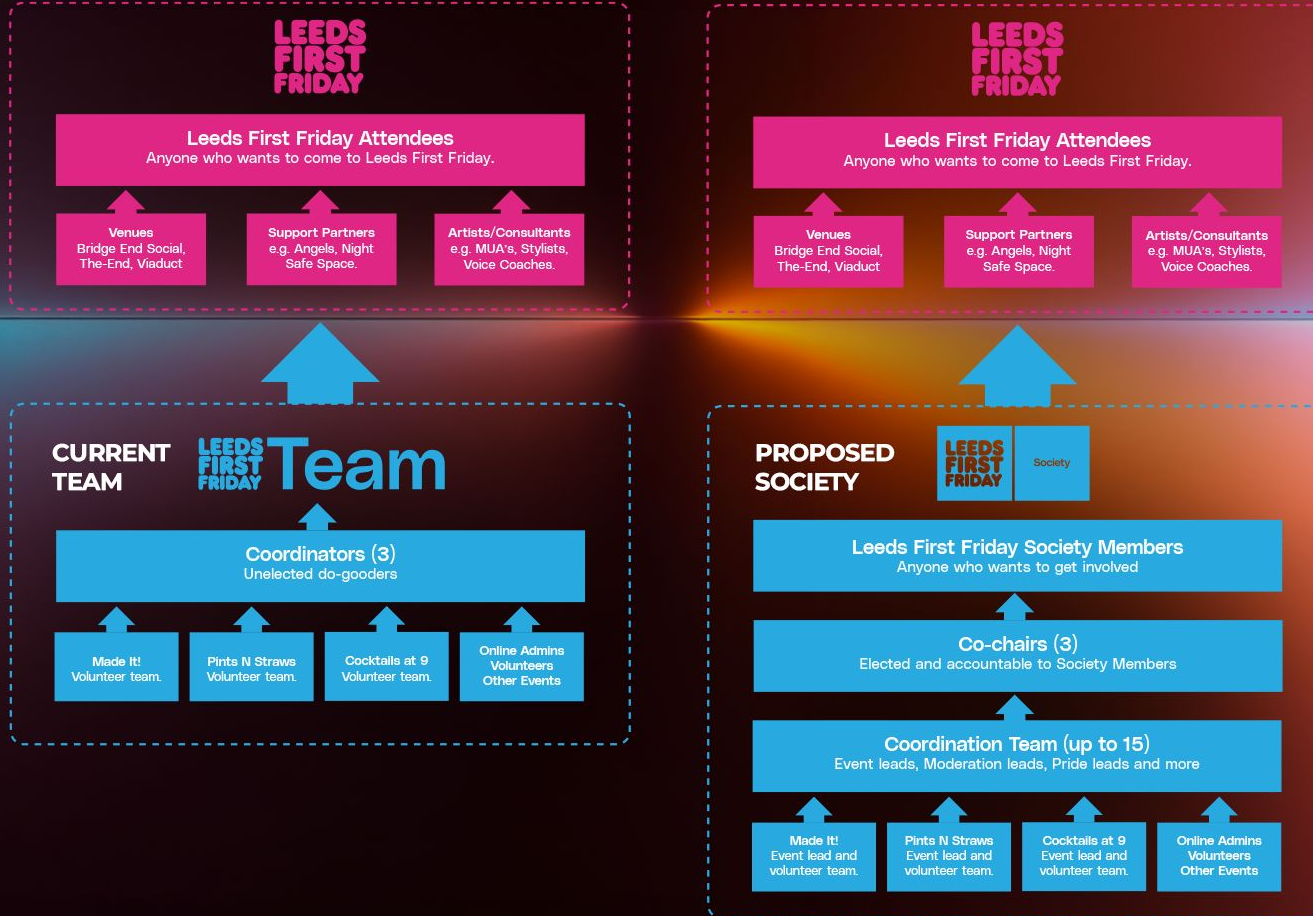
Open to anyone who wants a say in how LFF is run.

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The Society **underpins** Leeds First Friday.

From LFF Team to LFF Society.



So, What Are We Asking?

To create the
“Leeds First Friday Society”.

To leave
Leeds First Friday unchanged.

Now the details...

What happens next

This meeting is the first step.

We are sharing the plans and explaining what we are proposing.

After this, everything will be shared for you to review in your own time.

There will be a formal feedback period.

We will then come back together to agree the final version.

Governing Documents

The Constitution

Appendix 1

Appendix 2

You do not need to take it all in at once.
You will have time to read everything and share feedback after
this meeting.

The Constitution

Sounds scary?

No.

It is simply a rulebook. An instruction manual.

A clear set of guidelines for how the Society works.

It sets out how decisions are made, how roles work, and how things are run day to day.

It exists to make things clear, fair, and consistent for everyone.

It protects Leeds First Friday and the people running it.

Appendices

Appendix 1

This recognises the founding co chairs, past coordinators, and those who helped shape Leeds First Friday.
It also explains how founding members are defined.

Appendix 2

This is the founding members register.
It records who was part of forming the Society and is kept as an internal governance record.

How to review and give feedback

We'll answer what questions you have at the end of this.
After this meeting, the draft constitution will be shared.

You will be able to read it in your own time.

You can comment directly on it or submit feedback via a
form.

The feedback period will be open for two weeks.

All feedback will be read and considered.

What we will do with your feedback

All feedback will be reviewed in full.

We will look for common themes and suggestions.

Changes will be made where appropriate.

A revised version will be produced.

Everything will be presented clearly at the next meeting.

The Second Meeting

We will hold a second community meeting.

Friday 22nd May at 6.00pm.

The final version will be presented.

Key changes will be explained.

The Society will be formally established.

This is where we move from proposal to reality.

The society comes into effect on 20th July 2026.

How the Society will be run

The Society will be led by three co chairs.

Co chairs are elected by the members.

For the initial setup, co chairs will be proposed and confirmed.

A coordination team will be introduced to support the running of LFF.

The structure is there to support LFF, not control it.

Founding co chairs

The proposed founding co chairs are:

Kandice Fox

Lizi Bell

Ann East

These will be formally confirmed at the next meeting as part of establishing the Society.

Transition

Following this meeting, we will be speaking with existing volunteers about forming the wider coordination team.

You may have noticed some familiar names are not listed as founding co chairs.

How members are involved

Membership is open to people who want to be involved and support Leeds First Friday, in line with the values set out in the constitution.

Membership will be free and simple to join.

Members can also get involved as volunteers, supporting events, moderation, and the running of LFF.s

Members can attend meetings, share ideas, and have a voice.

Notes from meetings will be shared with all meetings.

The Society is shaped by its members and run on their behalf.

What this is NOT

This is not about introducing fees or making events paid.
This is not about changing the Leeds First Friday experience.

This is not about restricting who can attend.

This is not about taking control away from the community.

The total opposite.

This is about protecting, supporting, and strengthening what
already exists.

In Summary

Leeds First Friday stays exactly as it is.

This is about protecting it and supporting it long term.

It creates structure, continuity, and transparency.

It gives more people the opportunity to shape its future.