



COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF MANNINGHAM INC.

MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

The Concept of Probus

The Aims and Objectives of Probus are set out in the Club's Constitution, which states:

- (a) The purpose of this club shall be to advance intellectual and cultural interests among adult persons who have retired or are semi-retired from their former occupations.
- (b) It will hold regular meetings and arrange activities to provide opportunities for fellowship, the development of acquaintance and social interaction.
- (c) It shall strive to be seen as a worthwhile organisation in the local community.
- (d) It shall be non-political and non-sectarian. It shall not endorse any candidate for public office and shall not take corporate action at any meeting with the intention of influencing the policies or decisions of governments. However, the merits of any public question may be a subject of fair and intelligent study or discussion at a club meeting for the information of members.
- (e) It shall not be, or be seen to be, a fundraising body. The club, by a majority decision of its members, may engage in corporate projects for social benefits provided that any such activity shall not involve the raising of funds and provided that individual participation in any such project shall be entirely voluntary.

Membership Responsibilities

Member Participation:

- All members are expected to uphold the Constitution, and to actively participate in Club activities, as this level of participation will result in a club that best reflects their needs.

Member Behaviour:

- All members should be treated respectfully. However, in the case of a problem arising a Committee member should always be approached first.

Member Attendance:

- Members are expected to attend not less than half (fifty percent) of the meetings in any Club year, subject to obtaining leave of absence in cases of sickness or for any other reasonable grounds.
- Members are expected to wear their name badges to each meeting and to pay the meeting fee.

Apologies and Absences:

- Members are expected to convey their apologies through another member if unable to attend any meetings.
- Members are also requested to inform a member of the Club's Committee of any expected absences. A member who is absent for three consecutive meetings without apology or explanation, may have their membership suspended.

Contribution to Management:

- Members should also be aware that it is a requirement of each Club's accreditation to have an active functioning Committee of management. If Committee positions cannot be filled, the Club will be in breach of its constitution. Nor should the same members fill Committee positions for prolonged periods, as this does not promote development within the Club and can lead to stagnation. Therefore, the success of the Club is reliant upon all members at some time, in some way, participating in one of the many positions as they become available and thus ensuring the continuance of the **Combined Probus Club of Manningham**.