

NOTICE 182nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE LONDON LIBRARY

Tuesday 14 November 2023, 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/AGM2023 and final arrangements will be announced nearer the time on our website and via the Library's e-newsletter.

AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes of the 181st Annual General Meeting held on 15 November 2022.
2. The adoption of the 2022-2023 Annual Report and Accounts.
3. Appointment of Auditors.
4. Retirement and election of Trustees.
5. Confirmation of the Trustees' proposals for membership fees, subscriptions and charges.

Minutes of the 181st AGM and 2022-2023 Annual Report and Accounts

The 2022 AGM Minutes and 2022-2023 Annual Report and Accounts are available to view in advance of the meeting on the Library's website at:

www.londonlibrary.co.uk/about-us/agm-annual-reports

Hard copies of the Annual Report may be requested by email to: director@londonlibrary.co.uk

Appointment of auditors

The Trustees propose the re-appointment of MHA MacIntyre Hudson as the Library's Auditors for the financial year 2023-2024.

Retirement and Election of Trustees

The following Trustees retire at the 2023 Annual General Meeting: Howard Davies, Will Harris, Giles Milton, Rick Stroud.

ALAIN AUBRY is eligible for election to a second (and final) term and is accordingly put forward for re-election. The following are also put forward for trusteeship this year:

SIMON GODWIN

Simon has been a Library member for 14 years and is a member of the Founders' Circle of supporters. With an extensive career in financial services, Simon was most recently a founding Partner and Finance Director of Fundsmith, the asset management firm. He is currently working with a number of high growth companies including being Chair of GaitQ Limited, a medical devices spin-out from Oxford University.

This will be Simon's third charity governance position; he is on the Board of Trustees at the Royal Institution and is the co-founder and trustee of Levelling Up:STEM. Other than enjoying reading a broad range of both fiction and non-fiction books, he is also keen on theatre and is a supporter of the Hampstead and Park Theatres.

Simon has been appointed as Chair of the Board by the Trustees and will take up this role when Howard Davies steps down.

SIMON KING

A Library member for much of his adult life, Simon is Head of Corporate Affairs at Hakluyt, the strategic advisory firm for businesses and investors. He has a global role as a member of the company's senior leadership team, and currently divides his time between New York and London. He has previously worked for the firm in Tokyo and Berlin.

Before joining Hakluyt in 2014, Simon spent 15 years as a civil servant in the British government. He spent four years in

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10 Downing Street, working first for Gordon Brown and then for David Cameron. His last role in government was as director of strategy and delivery for Theresa May when she was home secretary.

Simon has a lifelong interest in philosophy and the arts. Inspired by the poet and literary critic William Empson's encounter with Buddhist sculptures in Kyoto and Nara in the 1930s, he is

currently writing a book about various cultural, intellectual and religious connections between East Asia and Western Europe. Much of his research for this has been carried out in the Library.

For the last year, Simon has served as a co-opted member of the Library's Development Committee.

Proposed membership fees from 1 January 2024

The Trustees propose to increase the ordinary annual fee by £30 from £585 (£48.75 per month) to £615 (£51.25 per month) in 2024, an increase of 5.1%. Those paying by annual Direct Debit will receive a £50 discount and pay £565, an increase of 3.7%. These increases are significantly lower than recent levels of

inflation, in recognition of the cost pressures we know members are currently facing. Proportionate increases will be applied for the other annual membership categories including Life membership.

The Trustees therefore propose the following membership fees for the year commencing January 2024.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

Full membership <i>Payment by annual Direct Debit</i>	£615 £565	per month £51.25	Young persons' membership <i>for all members aged 16-29</i> <i>Payment by annual Direct Debit</i>	£307.50 £282.50	per month £25.62
Remote access membership <i>Payment by annual Direct Debit</i>	£295 £245	£24.58	Temporary overseas membership <i>for overseas visitors, 4 months' duration</i>	£307.50	
Associate membership <i>Payment by annual Direct Debit</i>	£395 £345	£32.91			
Spouse / partner membership <i>for spouses or partners of full annual or life members</i> <i>Payment by annual Direct Debit</i>	£307.50 £282.50	£25.62	Extra borrowing allowances Additional 5 volumes	£52.50	

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Age	Fee (£)	Age	Fee (£)
80 and over	£1,500	45 to 49	£18,000
75 to 79	£4,500	40 to 44	£19,700
70 to 74	£6,600	35 to 39	£21,700
65 to 69	£8,700	30 to 34	£23,600
60 to 64	£12,000	25 to 29	£25,200
55 to 59	£13,900	18 to 24	£26,300
50 to 54	£16,100		

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Public libraries (per volume)	£53
Educational/charitable institutions <i>(10 or more staff/members)</i> Additional 5 volumes	£1,070 £155
Other institutions <i>(10 or more staff/members)</i> Additional 5 volumes	£1,845 £260
Smaller institutions <i>(Less than 10 staff/members)</i> Additional 5 volumes	£733 £105