

NOTICE 181st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE LONDON LIBRARY

**Tuesday 15 November 2022, 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/AGM2022 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 180th Annual General Meeting held on 15 November 2021.
2. The adoption of the 2021-2022 Annual Report and Accounts.
3. Appointment of Auditors.
4. Retirement and election of Trustees.
5. Confirmation of the appointment of the President and a Vice-President.
6. Confirmation of the Trustees' proposals for membership fees, subscriptions and charges.

Minutes of the 180th AGM and 2021-2022 Annual Report and Accounts

The 2021 AGM Minutes are available to view in advance of the meeting on the Library's website at:
www.londonlibrary.co.uk/about-us/agm-annual-reports

Paper copies 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 2022-2023.

Retirement and Election of Trustees

The following Trustees retire at the 2022 Annual General Meeting: David Lough, Sara Wheeler.

Daisy Goodwin 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:

PAUL AYLIEFF

A member since 2012, Paul is currently Group Chief Financial Officer at Quantexa Limited, one of the UK's leading Enterprise Software companies. He was previously CFO and Board Director of three European Financial Technology businesses, following a 25 year career in Investment Banking. As a banker, he was previously Head of EMEA Corporate Banking at Bank of America Merrill Lynch, having focused on M&A advisory, debt and equity capital raising for European and US corporations for most of his banking career.

Other previous roles include having been Chair of the Board of Trustees of The Academy of St. Martin in the Fields, one of the world's leading orchestras, and Trustee of Trinity Hospice, Clapham. Paul is also currently an external member of the Investment Committee of King's College, Cambridge.

NEIL CHRISTIE

Neil joined the Library in 2021 when he became a full-time student of English Literature. Previously, Neil worked in marketing and communications for more than 30 years with some of the world's most famous and innovative businesses. Most recently, he spent 17 years at leading independent agency Wieden + Kennedy as Chief Executive, Global Chief Operating Officer and as a member of the Trustee Board, tasked with preserving the company's independence and ensuring its financial stability.

Neil was named by *The Guardian* as one of the top ten influencers in advertising and is a former Council member of the Institute of Practitioners in Advertising.

ROSALYNN TRY-HANE

Rosalynn is a writer, film critic and lawyer. She joined the Library in 2022 and is currently working on her debut book, about how she discovered her voice in Paris and silenced her inner critic during the pandemic.

She is one of the lawyers to the Grenfell Tower Public Inquiry. Her other work has included regulatory roles for central government on EU Exit matters, work for public sector organisations and on high profile litigation cases.

As a film critic and writer she has provided opinion pieces on subjects such as; genre and diversity in film, foreign travel and solo dining for BBC radio and television as well as in various publications

Rosalynn is passionate about amplifying marginalised voices and her charity work has included running the writers group at Clean Break Theatre Company which helps to transform the lives of women affected by their experiences with the criminal justice system.

Her favourite spot in the Library is in the 4th floor stacks overlooking the square. It was here she discovered the poetry collection of Rosemary Tonks.

Confirmation of the appointment of the President and a Vice-President

In accordance with Byelaws 51 and 52, the Trustees have appointed Helena Bonham Carter CBE as the Library's President for a term of 5 years subject to confirmation at the AGM, and the Library's current President, Sir Tim Rice, having completed a 5-year term as President, to the role of Vice-President on the same basis. The President is the Library's primary high-level ambassador, appointed to champion the Library's cause and reputation, to engage new supporters in its purposes and activities, and to play an active part in fundraising. Vice-Presidents are also appointed to be active ambassadors for the Library, to be a sounding board for Trustees on the Library's position, profile and fundraising and to act as role models for the breadth and diversity of our membership. Both roles are honorary with no formal involvement in the governance or management of the Library as a registered charity.

Proposed membership fees from 1 January 2023

The Trustees propose to increase the ordinary annual fee by £30 from £555 (£46.25 per month) to £585 (£48.75 per month) in 2023. Those paying by annual direct debit will receive a £40 discount and pay £545. This represents an increase of around 5%. This is significantly lower than expected 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 membership fees for the year commencing January 2023 as laid out in the following tables:

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

		per month
Full membership	£585	£48.75
<i>Payment by annual direct debit</i>	£545	
Remote access membership	£295	£24.58
<i>Payment by annual direct debit</i>	£255	
Associate membership	£395	£32.91
<i>Payment by annual direct debit</i>	£355	
Spouse/partner membership <i>for spouses or partners of full annual or life members</i>	£292.50	£24.37
<i>Payment by annual direct debit</i>	£272.50	
Young persons' membership <i>for all members aged 16-29</i>	£292.50	£24.37
<i>Payment by annual direct debit</i>	£272.50	
Temporary overseas membership <i>for overseas visitors, 4 months' duration</i>	£292.50	
Extra borrowing allowances		
Additional 5 volumes	£50	

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Age	Fee (£)	Age	Fee (£)
80 and over	£1,500	45 to 49	£17,300
75 to 79	£4,350	40 to 44	£19,000
70 to 74	£6,350	35 to 39	£20,900
65 to 69	£8,400	30 to 34	£22,800
60 to 64	£11,550	25 to 29	£24,300
55 to 59	£13,400	18 to 24	£25,400
50 to 54	£15,500		

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Public libraries (per volume)	£51
Educational/charitable institutions <i>(10 or more staff/members)</i>	£1,070
Additional 5 volumes	£149
Other institutions <i>(10 or more staff/members)</i>	£1,755
Additional 5 volumes	£248
Smaller institutions <i>(Less than 10 staff/members)</i>	£699
Additional 5 volumes	£100