



STATEMENT OF MUTUAL OBLIGATIONS BETWEEN THE ARTS SOCIETY AND ITS MEMBER SOCIETIES

In pursuit of our charitable objects whereby The Arts Society is established for:

1. the promotion and advancement of the education of the public in the cultivation, appreciation and study of the decorative and fine arts;
2. the conservation and preservation of the artistic heritage of the United Kingdom and other countries for the benefit of the public; and
3. the advancement of the arts, culture and heritage, in particular, but without limitation, the decorative and fine arts.

The Arts Society will:

1. provide effective support, advice and training both at National and at Area level in order that Societies may work to the highest possible standards in support of the interests of their members;
2. provide the Directory of Lecturers, recruiting the best lecturers available, with related advice and help;
3. provide relevant programmes of education at National and Area level and offer support to Societies to do the same;
4. provide guidance and support at National and Area level for the work of National Volunteering activities;
5. at all times be financially prudent, using professional advice, and provide guidance and advice to Societies;
6. at all times work to the highest possible standards conforming to the current financial, health and safety, employment and charities legislation;

7. undertake to supervise and manage an efficient and transparent governance system.

Member Societies will:

1. support the aims and objects of The Arts Society, co-operating with the National Association in its pursuit of those aims;
2. provide lectures, study days and other events of the highest possible standards for their members;
3. encourage the work of the Members involved with National Volunteering activities, recognising the importance of the work done for the conservation of the national artistic heritage; and recognising the importance of education in the arts for all ages;
4. adhere to the recommended financial procedures for Societies so as to ensure a cost-effective provision of central services by The Arts Society.