

## NATIONAL FEDERATION OF EIGHTEEN PLUS GROUPS

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**Sixty-third Annual National Conference to be held at The Britannia Hotel,  
Coventry on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> / 25<sup>th</sup> April 2004**

Assemble from 1.00pm for a 1.30pm start on Saturday

The Conference will close no later than 5.00pm on Sunday

### AGENDA

1. Chairman welcomes the delegates to the Conference.
2. Opening of Conference.
3. The Presidential address by Gerry Edwards, Vice-president.
4. Election of Tellers.
5. Election of ballot paper counters.
6. Apologies for Absence.
7. Acceptance of the Minutes of the sixty-second Annual National Conference, held at The Britannia Hotel, Coventry on the 15<sup>th</sup> / 16<sup>th</sup> March 2003.
8. Matters arising thereon.
9. Presentation and Acceptance of the Federation's Report for the year 2003.
10. Presentation and Acceptance of the Federation's Accounts for the year ending December 31<sup>st</sup> 2003.
11. Acceptance of the Report of the Accountants.
12. Election of the National Chairman to serve from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2004.

**NOTE: This section is the personal proposal and questions from the floor, which will take place towards the end of the Saturday session. Voting will be by ballot paper on Sunday morning and the results will be announced during Sunday afternoon.**

13. Election of National Officers to serve from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2004
- 13.1 External PRO
- 13.2 Plus News Editor
- 13.3 Development Officer
- 13.4 Activities Officer

**NOTE: Nominations for the above positions have been circularised with the Agenda. Time for questions from the floor will be at the Chairman's discretion. Voting will take place by ballot on Sunday morning and the results will be announced during Sunday afternoon.**

14. Presentation on behalf of the National Executive Committee by Andy Cole, London & South East Area Chairman.
15. Motions Tabled for Debate
- 15.1 "That Article 17 of the National Constitution is suspended for the duration of this Conference"  

Proposed: NEC

[75% majority will be required for this motion to be passed]
- 15.2 "That Article 2 of The National Constitution be replaced with 'We are an Organisation for people who want to enjoy a good social life and who want to participate in a wide range of activities'"  

Proposed: NEC

[75% majority will be required for this motion to be passed]
- 15.3 "That this Conference accepts the National Business Plan for 2004/2005"  

Proposed: NEC

[50% majority will be required for this motion to be passed]
- 15.4 "That this Conference empowers the NEC to reorganise the management and structure of the Federation and implement with effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2005"  

Proposed: NEC

[75% majority will be required for this motion to be passed]
- 15.5 "That with immediate effect the present system of a two tier membership be abolished without altering the lower joining age limit and that all members be allowed to stand for any position in the Federation regardless of age.

And that the National Constitution, Standing Orders, Model Area Constitution, Constitution for Member Groups and the 2<sup>nd</sup> tier Constitution be amended accordingly.

Current Members of the 2<sup>nd</sup> tier Groups will henceforth be Full Members and charged the standard membership fee upon renewal. All 2<sup>nd</sup> tier life members will revert to Full Membership status and no fee adjustment is to be requested.

All 2<sup>nd</sup> tier Groups will have Full Group status”

Proposed: NEC

[75% majority will be required for this motion to be passed]

- 15.6 “That this Conference empowers the NEC to set the Membership fee for the Federation”

Proposed: NEC

[A 75% majority will be required for this motion to be passed]

- 15.7 “That The National Federation of 18 Plus Groups be dissolved on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2005. All property, funds and assets of the Federation are to be sold and after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, the funds are to be distributed equally between those persons who are members of the Federation as at the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2004”

Proposed: NEC

[A 75% majority will be required for this motion to be passed]

- 15.8 “That this Conference mandates the NEC to restructure the National Federation of Eighteen Plus Groups along the lines provided for in the accompanying documentation entitled ‘Clean Sheet Federation’. This restructuring to be implemented wherever possible, within one calendar year of the date of the end of this Conference”

Proposed: Oxford  
Seconded: Coventry Central

[A 75% majority will be required for this motion to be passed]

- 15.9 “That this Conference empowers the NEC to set the Membership fee for the Federation at, or below £28 (including VAT) per annum. All appropriate sections of the Constitution and Standing Orders be modified appropriately”

Proposed: Coventry Central  
Seconded: Oxford

[A 75% majority will be required for this motion to be passed]

16. Facility for National Debate.
  - 16.1 Standardised Publicity – Fareham Group
  - 16.2 The future shape of 18 Plus – Adrian Barnard
17. Announcement of election results of the National Chairman to serve from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2004.
18. Announcement of the election results of the National Officers to serve from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2004.
19. National Chairman's Address.
20. Presentation of Trophies
  - 20.1 Excellence Awards
  - 20.2 National Chairman's Merit Award
  - 20.3 The Linda Street "Spirit of 18 Plus" Award
  - 20.4 Treasurer's Trophy
  - 20.5 Charities Trophy
  - 20.6 Gold Trail Trophy
  - 20.7 National Recruitment Trophy
  - 20.8 Best New Group
  - 20.9 Norbury Trophy
  - 20.10 The Charles Padgham Training Trophy
  - 20.11 Development Certificate
  - 20.12 The President's Trophy (Best Group)
  - 20.13 "Cobb Dual Purpose 2-pint Jug Mug (Best Area)
21. Election of Honorary Senior Officials
  - 21.1 Vice-Presidents
  - 21.2 Honorary Life Members
22. Appointment of the Accountants.
23. Any Other Urgent Business.
24. Announcement of the date and venue of the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference.
25. Presidential Closing Address by Gerry Edwards Vice-president.
26. Closure of Conference by the National Chairman.

