IWFM Charities Policy



The Chair and the Executive team of IWFM have approved the following policy on the generation of charitable donations by IWFM's staff and wider volunteer communities, whist acting on behalf of, or representing IWFM.

As an organisation there are times when we collect monies on behalf of specific chosen Charites. This policy identifies which Charities are nominated and what happens to any collections made.

The IWFM may at times, select an Organisational Charity that fits with the strategic direction, objectives, and values of the IWFM. This should also fit with the IWFM's position on, the positive impact that professional workplace and facilities management can have on organisational performance. We are currently reviewing our next Organisational Charity partnership, as our previous partnership with the Ethical Property foundation has now come to an end.

Alongside the Organisational charity the IWFM Chair elects their own personal Charity to support for the length of their tenure. This charity is nominated based on personal values or experiences.

The following Charities have been nominated:



Chairs Charity

From 1st October 2021 the new Chair Mark Whittaker, has chosen MIND as his elected Charity for his tenure as Chair.

Mind was founded in 1946 as the National Association for Mental Health (NAMH) and celebrated its 70th anniversary in 2016. Mind offers information and advice to people with mental health problems and lobbies government and local authorities on their behalf. They provide advice and support to empower anyone experiencing a mental health problem and aim to raise awareness and promote understanding of mental health.

Policy Principles

- Any charitable funds raised through community activities should in the first instance be donated equally between any IWFM Organisational Charity [if there is one in place], and the Chair's charity.
- Where committees, or community groups wish to donate to a separate local charity of their choice, a minimum of 50% of the amount raised should be donated to either the Chairs Charity or the Organisational Charity [if in place], with the remainder going to the committee, or community group's Charity of choice.

- Funds raised for Charities outside the Organisational or Chair's charity, or not previously agreed with the Community development team; will not be allocated or distributed by IWFM
- If the Committee or community group is outside of the UK, then the 50% of the amount raised should go to a local charity for the area/country with similar objectives or values to the IWFM.
- Where a Region or SIG wishes to support a charity that is not nominated by the Organisation
 or Chair; the charity's activities should link to a specific geographic location or relevant area
 of interest and should not conflict with IWFM's purpose and mission.
- Donations 'in kind' such as food stuffs, clothing, toiletries or other is permitted.
- IWFM volunteers and communities should advise IWFM's Community Development Team before engaging in any fundraising that is not on behalf of the Organisational or Chair's nominated charities; e.g. if outside the UK
- Advisement of any Charity collections should be done on an annual basis alongside the annual activity planning and not piecemeal at each event. IWFM volunteers and communities should report to the Community Development Team the amounts raised on behalf of any charities after each event, and again on an annual basis
- Once approval is provided, the Community Development Team will maintain a record of the chosen charities, reporting back to Members' Council annually on the level of fundraising activity and donations made to each charity.

On behalf of the IWFM and Chair and the chosen charities, we thank you for your support. Updated & published; September 2021

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