

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 27 March 2021 at 10am

The meeting will be held remotely via Zoom

Please join 5 minutes early



Friends of York Art Gallery

All Friends are invited

AGENDA

1. Welcome by Charles Martindale, Interim Chair
2. Record of decision to hold the Annual General Meeting online
3. Approval of Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 3 April 2019
4. An address by Peter Miller, President, Friends of York Art Gallery
5. Proposal to amend the Constitution
6. The Election of Officers and Members to the Executive Committee
7. The Treasurer's Report and Presentation
8. Approval of the Accounts for the Years Ended 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2020
9. The Appointment of an Independent Examiner
10. Any Other Business
11. Curator's Report by Beatrice Bertram, Senior Curator, York Art Gallery
12. Presentation by Grace England, FYAG Research Scholar, University of York

Questions: Questions relating to AGM Agenda items must be submitted to the Secretary in writing to secretary@friendsofyorkartgallery.co.uk at least one week prior to the AGM.

Nominations: Nominations for Members and Officers of the Executive Committee must be received by the Secretary at least one week in advance of the AGM. For further details on the process and the available positions, please see the enclosed nomination form.

Voting: In this exceptional year, voting will take place on Zoom where members will vote electronically on Zoom.

Joining Instructions (online): Please join the Zoom meeting 5 minutes early. If you need further assistance with Zoom or have any queries about the AGM please contact Benjamin Hilliam on secretary@friendsofyorkartgallery.co.uk.

Click on the link on the AGM invitation email or go to <https://zoom.us/join> with the details sent in the posted pack.



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CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

The changes proposed have the purpose of:

- Modifying the rules governing appointment of Officers and the members of the Committee
- ensuring that the Friends can hold the AGM online if a face to face meeting is impracticable
- authorising electronic means to communicate with Friends

There is no change to the Objects of the Friends.

The opportunity has been taken also to simplify the Constitution and to rearrange some sections for better coherence. The main objective of simplification is to reduce the number of instances where minor changes require an AGM and a change to the Constitution by conferring wider discretion on the Committee.

Because it is sometimes difficult to fill vacancies on the Committee or as Treasurer, Secretary or Membership Secretary many current restrictions are being removed, so that although appointments remain a 3-year term a Treasurer, Secretary or Membership Secretary may be reappointed without limit and a Committee Member may be appointed for up to 12 years in total without any gap being required. For the same reason the minimum number of Committee Members has been reduced and the maximum increased.

It is now specified that the Chair instead of being an annual appointment is a 5-year term (subject to annual confirmation) to provide continuity. At the same time to ensure accountability the Chair will now only vote at Committee meetings in the event of a tie by having a casting vote.

Amendments to the Constitution require at least a two-thirds majority of those members voting at a General Meeting of the Friends. A copy of the amended Constitution, containing highlights to show the primary amendments, will be presented at the AGM. A copy of the current and proposed Constitution can be downloaded before then from the Friends website using the following link:

<https://www.friendsofyorkartgallery.co.uk/agm-march-2021>