

## Details on becoming an individual or organisational member of Derbyshire Law Centre

Derbyshire Law Centre is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee. It provides a free service to the community, and is accountable to the community it serves. It is run by a management committee, made up of representatives from local groups, interested individuals and local councillors. Apart from certain reserved places for funders, management committee members are elected from the membership of the Law Centre.

### **Being a member of the Law Centre**

Becoming a member of the Law Centre is a way of expressing support for its aims and entitles you to be nominated for election to the management committee.

### **Who can become a member?**

The Law Centre can have up to 150 members in total. There are two types of membership:

#### ▪ **Organisational members**

Any groups, organisations or other body can apply to become an 'organisational member' of the Law Centre as long as the aims and objects of the group are not inconsistent with the aims of the Law Centre and:

- Its work or interest is concerned with Derbyshire (excluding Derby City) OR
- Most of its members live or work within Derbyshire (excluding Derby City).

#### ▪ **Individual members**

Anybody can apply to become an "individual member" of the Law Centre as long as they live or work in Derbyshire (excluding Derby City) and they agree with the general aims of the Law Centre.

### **How to apply?**

If you are applying either as an organisation or an individual, you need to complete a membership form. Your application will then be discussed at the next management committee meeting. Membership is free.

### **What can you expect once you are a member of the Law Centre?**

Both individual and organisational members are entitled to:

- Be informed, in writing, about the details of the Law Centre's annual general meeting and any other special general meetings and be invited to attend.
- Receive a copy of the Law Centre's annual report and the annual audited accounts.
- Be nominated for election to the management committee and nominate other individual members or representatives of organisational members.

However, only 'organisational members' are entitled to vote at annual general meetings and special general meetings.

If you would like any further information about membership, or any other matter concerning the Law Centre, please contact us. This is a summary of the full rules contained within the memorandum & articles of association of Derbyshire Law Centre and are available for anyone to look at.