



# *Thinking Without Borders*

Inspired by David Hume and John Duns Scotus

## **Constitution**

### **1) Name.**

The name of the organisation shall be

Thinking without Borders

Inspired by David Hume and John Duns Scotus

### **2) Aims**

To celebrate and commemorate David Hume, John Duns Scotus and the association of the historic county of Berwickshire with significant figures of the Scottish Enlightenment and the development of philosophy and ideas.

To stimulate and provide opportunity for unfettered thinking in regard to today's issues as laid out in the attached Appendix 1

### **3) Powers**

In order to achieve its aim the organisation may:

- a) Raise money
- b) Open bank accounts
- c) Organise events, including lectures, conferences, exhibitions etc.
- d) Produce publications
- e) Work with similar Groups and exchange information and advice with them
- f) Do anything that is lawful which will help it to fulfil its aim.

### **4) Membership**

- a) Membership of the organisation shall be open to any individual who is:
  - i. interested in helping the organisation to achieve its aim
  - ii. willing to abide by the rules of the organisation
- b) The organisation may decide at General Meeting to create a category of corporate membership
- c) The organisation may decide at a General Meeting to levy subscriptions, with an appropriate schedule of payments agreed
- d) The membership of any member may be terminated for good reason by the Committee: provided that the member concerned shall have the right to be heard by the Committee, accompanied by a friend, before a final decision is made.

### **5) Management**

- a) The organisation shall be administered by a Committee of not fewer than five and not more than twelve elected by the membership at a General Meeting
- b) The officers shall be: the Convenor, the Treasurer, the Secretary, who

- shall be elected from the Committee
- c) The Committee may co-opt onto the Committee anyone that it feels will help to fulfil the aim of the Group.
  - d) At least three Committee members must be present for a Committee meeting to take place.
  - e) Additional officer posts may be created to meet the needs of the organization
  - f) Committee Members shall serve for three years, and may be re-elected for two further three year terms, after which a break of one year is required before being eligible to serve again
  - g) The Committee shall present reports to an Annual General Meeting

## **6) The Duties of the Officers**

The duties of the **Convenor** shall be to:

- chair meetings of the Committee and the organisation
- represent the organisation at functions/meetings to which the organisation has been invited
- act as the spokesperson of the organisation when necessary.

The duties of the **Secretary** shall be to:

- keep a membership list
- prepare in consultation with the Convenor the agenda for meetings of the Committee and the membership
- take and keep minutes of all meetings
- collect and circulate any relevant information within the organisation.

The duties of the **Treasurer** shall be to:

- supervise the financial affairs of the organisation and
- keep proper accounts that show all monies received and paid out by the organisation.

## **7) Finance**

- a) All monies received by or on behalf of the organisation shall be applied to further the aims of the organisation and for no other purpose.
- b) Any bank accounts opened for the organisation shall be in the name of the organisation.
- c) Any cheques issued shall be signed by two of the nominated signatories, one of whom will normally be the Treasurer
- d) The organisation shall ensure that its accounts are audited or independently examined annually
- e) The organisation may pay reasonable out of pocket expenses including travel to Committee members.
- f) The financial year of the organisation will run from 1 April – 31 March.

## **8) Alterations to the Constitution**

Any changes to this Constitution must be agreed by at least two-thirds of those members present and voting at any General

Meeting.

### **9) Dissolution**

The organisation may be wound up at any time if agreed by two-thirds of those members present and voting at any General Meeting. Any assets remaining after all debts have been paid shall be given to another organisation/s with similar or complementary aims or for similar purposes and if possible within the historic county of Berwickshire, to be decided by the organisation when it is wound up.

### **10) Adoption of the Constitution**

The persons whose names, addresses and signatures appear at the bottom of this document shall act as the Committee referred to in this constitution.

