



# VAN

Visual Art at the heart of Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin

## **Visual Art Network – Membership Policy**

VAN offers three types of membership.

### **Ordinary membership**

Open to all aged 16 and over. Over 25s pay an annual fee. Membership is free for 16-25 year olds. Members are entitled to:

- submit work for exhibition in the gallery
- have a profile page on the VAN website
- publicise exhibitions and art events on the website
- participate in events which may be organised by VAN
- receive information from VAN relating to Art events and opportunities

In order to qualify to have their work exhibited in the gallery, all ordinary members, except in exceptional circumstances, are expected to assist with the running of VAN by volunteering in the gallery or volunteering in other ways.

### **Friends of VAN**

Anyone may join VAN as a friend and non-participant in exhibitions for an annual fee. They are entitled to:

- participate in events which may be organised by VAN
- receive information from VAN relating to art events and opportunities
- volunteer in the gallery and accrue volunteer points on behalf of another member

### **Group membership**

Any Community Group, Art/Craft Guild, Gallery, Festival Organisation, College, Art Centre or any art related entity may join VAN as a Member Organisation. An appointed individual will represent the group. Membership entitles a group to:

- exhibit as a group in the gallery
- have a group profile page on the website
- publicise exhibitions and events on the website
- receive information and invitations to VAN events

Fees, as decided by the trustees, may be charged for specific exhibitions.

## **Expired Membership**

Items in the gallery belonging to individuals whose membership has expired will be removed from display six weeks after the renewal date has passed and their email address removed from the member distribution list.

Member details will be deleted from the website six months after the renewal date. The Trustees will notify expired members of any work that needs collecting from the gallery and reserve the right to dispose of any items remaining uncollected from the gallery six months after the renewal date.

Last review date: February 2024

Next review date: February 2026

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