

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

We the undersigned members
agree to work together on the following basis:

INTERPRETATION

- 1.1 In this document "Project" means The Big House Project, which is an unincorporated association.
- 1.2 "Vision booklet" refers to the project's Vision Booklet, version 1.0, or as may be updated from time to time by the Decision Making Process, available at www.thebighouseproject.nz
- 1.3 "Member" for the purpose of this document, is an Associate or Full member, whose name currently appears on the Membership list attached to this agreement.
- 1.4 "Other Agreements", are expected to be an occupancy agreement and a cooperative constitution, or similar.

This section makes clear the meaning of words used.

PURPOSE

- 2.1 The Project's purpose is to purchase, retrofit, and maintain a cooperative living environment for the community of Members
- 2.2 The full purpose and scope of the Project is outlined in the Vision Booklet.
- 2.3 This agreement provides a basis in which to work together prior to entering into Other Agreements.

The purpose of the project and this agreement.

MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 The process of becoming a Member is outlined in the Project's Membership Process document.
- 3.2 Members are individuals aged 18 years and above.
- 3.3 As Members it is our intention to reside in the Project's community, and to become co-owners of the Project's property.
- 3.4 Members wishing to withdraw from the Project temporarily or permanently will advise this intention in writing.
- 3.5 Otherwise, a Member who, by the Project's Decision Making Process, is deemed to have ceased being involved, shall be contacted prior to being removed from the list of Members attached.

For couples both people need to be members.

Member= resident and vice versa.

This ensures that decisions are made by the people involved.

COMMITMENTS

- 4.1 As Members we have read and agree with the Vision Booklet. We honour and hold as truths the Values outlined there.
- 4.2 We aspire to help realise the birth of a new more regenerative, more engaged and connecting culture. In order to avoid reprojecting the old upon the new, we acknowledge the need to deconstruct our education. Our commitment to examining old ways of being requires us to reorient our compasses away from separation, certainty, comfort and control, towards trust, responsibility, transparency, inspection and toward a deeper capacity for intimacy.
- 4.3 As such we are willing to make space for difficult conversations, without relationships falling apart. We accept that at times this work may be challenging, and know that by tapping into a deep inner resourcefulness, and with the support of each other, we can

We want to live quite closely and undertake change focused work together.

find the courage to learn, heal, adapt, and discover. However, there may also be times when we individually reach our stretch limit, and so we agree that it is up to each of us to 'pass' when this occurs.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- 5.1 We commit to carry out the required tasks and processes towards realising our Vision and the Project. As Members we are collectively responsible for raising the necessary funds needed to purchase, retrofit and maintain the Project's property.
- 5.2 We commit to participate in a sub-circle, regularly attend Full Circle meetings, or send apologies.
- 5.3 We agree to create and enter into such Other Agreements as are necessary to robustly specify the terms of occupation and property co-ownership.

This is about using our energy to keep the project moving forward.

It's a priority in our life.

DECISION MAKING

- 6.1 Decision-making is by the consensus of the Full Circle of Members using the process outlined in the Project's Decision Making Process document.
- 6.2 Meeting procedure is as specified in the Meeting Procedure document.
- 6.3 We have read the summaries of past minutes and understand that decisions made to date may only be reopened using the Decision Making Process.
- 6.3 Disputes between Members, or between a Member and the cooperative, are to be handled using the Conflict Management Procedures document
- 6.5 We understand that Members will have choice of accommodation based on the methods determined using the Decision Making Process.
- 6.6 All Project expenditure must be authorised in terms of current Spending Policy.

Our governance system is spelled out in ratified documents kept in an accessible location, and as may be updated from time to time.

The Big House Project

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This document forms part of a package of ratified policy documents, that are intended to be read in conjunction with supporting documents which include, but is not limited to: the "Membership Process", "Decision Making Process", "Meeting Procedure", "Minutes Template" and the "Spending Policy". We wish to credit Earthsong Eco-Neighbourhood for the basis of these documents, adapted under Creative Commons 4.0 BY NC SA, and these documents are released on the same terms.

Associate Member List

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