

## CHARTER OF GOLDSMITHS' COLLEGE

### CHARTER

ELIZABETH THE SECOND by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith:

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING!

WHEREAS an Humble Petition has been presented unto Us by Our most dearly beloved Daughter the Princess Anne, the Princess Royal, Dame Grand Cross of Our Royal Victorian Order, the Chancellor of Our University of London, Our right trusty and well beloved Brian Hilton, Lord Flowers, Vice-Chancellor of Our University of London and the Delegacy of Our University of London Goldsmiths' College, praying that We should constitute and found a University College within the area of Greater London for the advancement of knowledge, the diffusion and extension of the Arts, Sciences and learning, the study of Education and the provision of liberal, professional, scientific and continuing education, and grant a Charter of Incorporation to Goldsmiths' College of Our University of London with such provisions in that behalf as shall seem to Us right and suitable:

AND WHEREAS We have taken the said Petition into Our Royal Consideration and are minded to accede thereto:

NOW THEREFORE KNOW YE that We by virtue of Our Prerogative Royal and of Our especial grace, certain knowledge and mere motion have willed and ordained and by these Presents do for Us, Our Heirs and Successors will and ordain as follows:

- 1 Hereby and pursuant to this Our Supplemental Charter is constituted a university by the name and style of "Goldsmiths' College" hereinafter referred to as "Goldsmiths".
- 2 The Members of the Council of Goldsmiths', Staff of Goldsmiths', Students of Goldsmiths', all Students who have obtained the award of a Degree, Diploma or Certificate while enrolled at Goldsmiths', the Honorary Fellows of Goldsmiths', and such persons not employed by Goldsmiths' as may become members of its committees, or pursuant to this Our Charter and the Statutes otherwise become Members of Goldsmiths', are hereby constituted and from henceforth ever shall be one body corporate, with perpetual succession and a Common Seal, by the name and style of "Goldsmiths' College".
- 3 The objects of Goldsmiths' shall be to advance learning and knowledge by teaching and research, and to make available to the public the results of such research.
- 4 Goldsmiths', shall have all the powers of a natural person including (without limitation) following powers, so far as permitted by charity law:
  - (1) To provide instruction in such branches of learning as Goldsmiths' may determine, to prepare Students for Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates and other distinctions of Goldsmiths' or the University of London, to make provision for the advancement, dissemination and preservation of knowledge, and for research, design,

development, testing and advisory services, and such other academic activities as are consonant with the objects of Goldsmiths' as stated above;

- (2) to award and confer Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates and to make other academic awards to persons who shall have pursued a course of study approved by Goldsmiths' and shall have passed the examinations or other tests prescribed by Goldsmiths';
- (3) to revoke such Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates and other academic awards in case of irregularity;
- (4) to prescribe the conditions under which persons shall be admitted to Goldsmiths' and to any particular course of study therein;
- (5) to draw up and to provide schemes of study, instruction and examination and to conduct examinations;
- (6) to establish and abolish posts, make and terminate appointments, and to remunerate the holders thereof;
- (7) to institute fellowships, scholarships, bursaries, prizes and other aids to study and research;
- (8) to confer Honorary Fellowships, Honorary Degrees of Goldsmiths' or of the University of London, and other academic distinctions;
- (9) to revoke Honorary Fellowships, Honorary Degrees and other academic distinctions of Goldsmiths' in such cases as may be appropriate;
- (10) to affiliate with or incorporate any other charitable institution whose purposes are not repugnant to this Our Charter; to co-operate with any other institution or organisation on like terms;
- (11) to acquire, own, maintain, manage, develop, adapt, lease and dispose of real and personal property;
- (12) to make investments, to give guarantees and to act as trustees;
- (13) to borrow (and give security in respect of such borrowing) and for these purposes Goldsmiths' shall have the authority to enter into any financial instrument which is ancillary or incidental to the exercise of such power;
- (14) to determine, levy, demand and receive fees, subscriptions and deposits;
- (15) to acquire from the University of London the property and liabilities hitherto entrusted to, vested in or incurred by the University of London by or in connection with the performance by the University of London of its functions in relation to Goldsmiths';

- (16) to solicit, receive and administer grants, subscriptions, donations, endowments, legacies, gifts and loans of any property whatsoever real or personal, whether subject to any special trust or not;
  - (17) to acquire, merge with or to enter into any partnership or joint venture arrangement with any other institution;
  - (18) to transfer the assets and liabilities of Goldsmiths' to any other charitable institutions with objects the same as or similar to the objects of Goldsmiths';
  - (19) to obtain through Our College of Arms a grant of Armorial Bearing which shall be duly recorded in Goldsmiths';
  - (20) to do all such lawful acts, including the promotion of a Bill or Bills in Parliament, whether incidental to the powers aforesaid or not, as may be requisite in order to further the objects of Goldsmiths'.
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- (1) There shall be a Council of Goldsmiths' (hereinafter referred to as "the Council") which shall be the governing body of Goldsmiths', shall have general control over and responsibility for the conduct of its affairs, and shall have custody and use of the Common Seal of Goldsmiths'.
  - (2) The Council shall take account of comments or representations on the affairs of Goldsmiths' made to it by the Academic Board of Goldsmiths'.
  - (3) The Council shall have such other powers and duties as may be conferred upon it by the Statutes.
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- There shall be an Academic Board of Goldsmiths' (hereinafter referred to as "the Academic Board") which, subject to the powers of the Council as provided in this Our Charter and the Statutes and to the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations of the University of London in respect of awards granted by Goldsmiths' in name of the University of London, shall be responsible for the academic work of Goldsmiths' in teaching, examining and research.
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- There shall be a principal of Goldsmiths' who shall be the principal academic, administrative and executive officer of Goldsmiths'. The principal may be known as Warden or Vice-Chancellor or such other title as may be agreed by the Council from time to time.
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- There shall be such other senior officers of Goldsmiths', as set out within the Statutes.
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- There shall be a Students' Union of Goldsmiths' for the benefit of the students of Goldsmiths' and to further the educational purposes of Goldsmiths' and the interests of students as students. The Constitution of the Students' Union shall be subject to the approval of the Council.

- 12 Staff of Goldsmiths' shall have the freedom within the law to question and test received wisdom, and to put forward new ideas and controversial or unpopular opinions without placing themselves in jeopardy of losing their jobs or privileges at Goldsmiths'.
- 13 Goldsmiths' shall be committed to the fair and equal treatment of every person and shall not discriminate on unjustified, irrelevant or unlawful grounds.
- 14 Subject to the provisions of this Our Charter, Statutes may prescribe or regulate as the case may be:
- (1) The status, appointment, period of and removal from office of the principal and of other members of the Staff of Goldsmiths';
  - (2) the composition, powers and business of the Council and the Academic Board, the appointment, period of and removal from office of the members of those bodies, and other matters relative to those bodies;
  - (3) such other provisions or matters as the Council may deem fit with respect to or for the governance of Goldsmiths', its Members and constituent parts, or otherwise for the effective attainment, execution or promotion of the objects of this Our Charter.
- 15 The Statutes set out in the Second Schedule to this Our Charter shall be the first Statutes of Goldsmiths', and shall remain in force until revoked, amended or added to in manner hereinafter prescribed.
- 16 The Council may by Special Resolution revoke, amend or add to any of the provisions of this Our Charter, provided that no revocation, amendment or addition which affects academic policy shall be made until the Academic Board has been consulted, and such revocation, amendment or addition shall when allowed by Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council become effectual so that this Our Charter shall henceforward continue and operate as so revoked, amended or added to. This provision shall apply to this Our Charter as revoked, amended or added to in manner aforesaid.
- 17 A "Special Resolution" shall mean a resolution passed by a majority of not fewer than two-thirds of those present and voting, being also a number of members of the Council more than half of the maximum number of such members permitted by the Statutes, at a meeting of the Council convened by twenty-eight days' written notice.
- 18 The Council may revoke, amend or add to any of the Statutes provided that no such revocation, amendment or addition shall be repugnant to the provisions of this Our Charter or the Statutes of the University or shall take effect until the same shall have been approved by the Lords of Our Most Honourable Privy Council, of which approval a Certificate under the hand of the Clerk of Our said Privy Council shall be conclusive evidence.
- 19 The Ordinances of Goldsmiths' shall be made by the Council, which may add to, amend or repeal the Ordinances from time to time in force.
- 20 Goldsmiths' shall not make any dividend, gift, division or bonus in money unto or between any of its Members except by way of prize, reward or special grant.

21 Our Royal Will and Pleasure is that this Our Charter shall ever be construed benevolently and in every case most favourably to Goldsmiths' and to the promotion of the objects of this Our Charter.