

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## MISSION STATEMENT

Proudly building on our suffragist foundations, Townswomen's Guild's mission is to continue empowering all women to make their own lives, and those of others, better.

Welcome to TG! Having joined us as a member of a tradition Guild, or as an Associate Member you are now part of one of the UK's leading women's group and part of the TG Family

## History



TG started in 1929 and we can trace our history back to the suffragists in the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies, who wanted all women to have the right to vote and did this by taking action in legal and peaceful ways. When all women had gained the vote, those suffragists wanted to start an organisation which would provide women with comradeship, education and show their members how to voice their opinions.

## TG Today



We continue to provide TG members with the opportunity to have fun, friendship, education in the form of finding things out through access to a variety of formal and informal activities, and to be part of a force for change by campaigning on local and national issues

## What to expect from TG Headquarters



You can expect to receive from TGHQ two magazines and four newsletters a year.

Access to our Members' Area on the website. (You will need your membership number to do this.)

You will also have the opportunity to meet other members as part of less formal TAGs (Townswomen's Associate Groups}, by visiting other Guilds (who will ask for a small visitor's fee, at local and national events or through TIGs (Townswomen's Internet Groups) which are run through the Members' Area of our secure website.

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## Who runs TG

The short answer is TG is run by its members.

At the **Guild level** members volunteer to take responsibility for leading their Guild, looking after the Guild finances, membership and so on.

Guilds may also belong to a local **Federation**, which is a group of Guilds who work together to provide support and a wider range of activities than individual Guilds can do alone.

All members are invited to the **TG Annual General Meeting**.

They have the right to vote on the business of the day through representatives from their Guilds or Associate Membership.

## The National Executive Committee

The role of the Trustees who form the TG National Executive Committee is to run the national organisation, which is also a charity.

All Trustees are TG members and are also unpaid volunteers

## TG Headquarters

TG is based at the national headquarters in Birmingham and is supported by paid members of staff who undertake the day-to-day jobs which are needed to keep TG running successfully.

TG staff can also provide help and support to members.

## Members



TG wants members to have the chance to **Grow and Blossom** as individuals. This can be achieved by taking part in what is on offer, taking action on issues such as climate change and volunteering.

TG relies on volunteers to make it run. You can find ways to volunteers in TAGs, TIGs, Guilds, Federation and as Trustees. We believe that everyone has skills they can offer and share as volunteers. They may be skills with certificates attached or life skills, which are equally important.

# IMPORTANT CONTACT

We look forward to meeting you and are always happy to hear your views or suggestions about TG.

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