



## **Southwest Women in Regional Enterprise**

### **CONSTITUTION**

**Adopted August 2010**

#### **1. NAME**

The name of the association shall be Southwest Women in Regional Enterprise hereinafter referred to as SWIRE

#### **2. MISSION**

To operate a pro-active, informal network which encourages and supports women, their diversity and skills by promoting their businesses.

##### **New Byline**

*By women in business, for women in business*

#### **3. OBJECTIVES**

SWIRE is run for the benefit of its members or for the wider public good of potential SWIRE members, and the main objectives are

- To offer a friendly supportive environment for business women
- To enable women to meet up on a regular basis and develop resourceful relationships
- To enable women to share and gain information and experience and pool their resources
- To help and promote each others businesses and expand potential client lists
- To provide a networking opportunity to SWIRE members or potential members
- To provide an environment where participants can meet like minded women and improve their confidence
- To promote members' businesses both inside and outside the group
- To contribute to the regional economy by using local services where possible

#### **4. POWERS**

SWIRE shall have the following powers:

- To arrange and provide for, or participate in arranging and providing for, the holding of network meetings, practical workshops and events, and to publish such activities on the SWIRE website
- To co-operate and consult with other organisations to further the objects of SWIRE and to exchange information and advice
- To recruit new members to SWIRE

**5. MEMBERSHIP**

- Membership of SWIRE shall be open to anyone interested in furthering the objectives of the group, without distinction of race, colour, culture, sexuality, disability or of political, religious or other opinions.
- SWIRE shall be run and operated by a voluntary Committee on a not-for-profit basis
- The Committee reserves the right to approve membership
- An annual subscription will be charged and Members will be required to commit to attending at least three meetings a year to maintain presence on the Contacts Page on the website
- Individuals can attend two meetings and then membership becomes mandatory

**6. FINANCE**

- All monies raised for and on behalf of SWIRE shall be applied to further its objectives and for no other purpose
- The Treasurer is responsible for the safe keeping of SWIRE Funds
- The financial year will run from 1 September to 31 August each year
- The Treasurer will be responsible for the maintenance of the SWIRE accounts and shall record all items of income and expenditure
- The Treasurer shall present financial information to SWIRE as required

**7. MANAGEMENT**

- The Quorum for each meeting of the Committee shall be four
- The Annual General Meeting will be held annually in September
- The Committee shall consist of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary plus a minimum of three other members
- Additional members may be voted on at the AGM in September (as proposed)

**8. DISSOLUTION**

SWIRE may be wound up by agreement of its members and on presentation of the final accounts.

**The person whose signature/s appear below on the date mentioned above adopted this constitution**

**Signed.....Jeanette Neale**

**Signed.....Carly Warren**

**Signed.....Jacqui Yeowell**

**Signed.....Teresa Rose**

**Signed.....Julie Atterton-Gunn**

**Signed.....Sheila Robertson**

**Signed.....Fiona Wilson**