

### **Why Voting Members?**

The Albany Theatre Trust (ATT) is both a charity and a limited company, which allows it to “do business”, i.e. trade. It is registered as a company limited by guarantee at Companies House - <https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/07929154>. Rather than shareholders, a company limited by guarantee has Voting Members. Applications are considered by the Board of Directors, (who are also the charity’s Trustees) and anyone can apply.

### **What do Voting Members do?**

Voting Members are entitled to attend the ATT AGM and vote on the motions that are presented. This includes receiving the Annual Report, including the accounts, re-electing Trustees who are eligible for re-election and confirming the appointment of Trustees appointed to the Board during the period since the last AGM. Members can also propose and vote on special resolutions in accordance with the rules of the company. **Above all, being a Voting Member shows your support and commitment to The Albany.**

### **What are Voting Members obligations?**

Voting Members must demonstrate a commitment to the Trust, support for our Vision, Mission and Objectives ([www.albanytheatre.co.uk/our-vision-arts-for-life](http://www.albanytheatre.co.uk/our-vision-arts-for-life)) and share our values . They must also accept and abide by the Code of Conduct for Members and Directors. This can be found on our website [www.albanytheatre.co.uk/the-albany-theatre-trust](http://www.albanytheatre.co.uk/the-albany-theatre-trust) along with our Memorandum and Articles of Association (the company rules) and our Code of Governance.

### **What qualifies me to become a Voting Member?**

The definition we use is that “ATT seeks to appoint as Voting Members supporters who can demonstrate commitment to furthering the aims and objectives of the Trust for example by volunteering or engaging in Trust activities over a reasonable period and/or through having time and relevant skills or experience to offer the Trust. All Trustees are automatically Voting Members, but applications from ATT volunteers in particular are encouraged and welcomed.

### **What will it cost me?**

Voting Membership is free. If ATT is ever wound up, and there are debts to be paid, then each Member is liable to contribute “*a sum not exceeding £10, being the amount that each Member undertakes to contribute to the assets of the charity in the event of its being wound up while he, she or it is a Member or within one year after he, she or it ceases to be a Member*”. So, to be absolutely clear, if you are a Voting Member **your total liability in this event is no more than £10**.

### **How do I become a Voting Member? Complete this form!**

[www.albanytheatre.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Voting-Membership.pdf](http://www.albanytheatre.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Voting-Membership.pdf)