

Annual General Meetings of the Society

This note is to explain to members the unusual circumstances we find ourselves in this year regarding AGMs:

- We are not able to have a formal AGM this year;
- We will however be having a short informal session at the start of the Design Awards event, which will take place on 7th July, in which we will report on, and take any questions about activities over the last 18 months and on the Finance Report for 2025 (which will be available on the website)
- The next formal AGM will be on Wednesday 24th February 2027

This odd situation is a result of our transition to being a Charitable Incorporated Institution (CIO), with a different constitution (which finally took effect from 1st May this year); as the old Society no longer exists it cannot have a formal AGM to review 2025; and the CIO was not operating during 2025 - its first AGM will be to cover the calendar year 2026.

The Design Awards Event will take place in the Welcome Building, Avon St, BS2 0PS, on Tuesday 7th July at 7 for 7.30. An email, giving fuller details, was sent to members on 11th June.

Elections and Management Team (MT) membership

AGMs, as well as being occasions for reporting back to members, are normally the opportunity to elect/re-elect trustees, aka management team members. In this instance, the next elections will be at the 2027 AGM, at which one third of the trustees will stand down or seek re-election.

However, **we DO need more MT members** - we have vacancies on the MT - and we would welcome volunteers. We can co-opt volunteers at any time - they would then seek formal election at the AGM. If you think you might be interested, do contact the [chair](#) or the [secretary](#):

The next formal AGM

This will be the first of the new CIO and will review the year 2026. The new constitution we are operating under requires that this be held within 18 months of first registration- and although the CIO did not start operating until May this year, it was registered at the end of August 2025, so we are constrained to hold it by the end of February. In following years, we expect to hold it in the spring/summer. Fuller details will be in the autumn Better Bristol and in an email to members nearer the time.

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