

Club Constitution

ARTICLE I: NAME & PURPOSE

Section A: Name – The name of this club shall be The Gathering.

Section B: Purpose – The purpose of this club shall be:

The purpose of The Gathering is to unite Christian students at Edith Cowan University through corporate prayer, worship, and creating opportunities for students to grow in their faith, encourage one another, and serve the wider university community.

The objectives of this club are to:

- Facilitate regular gatherings for corporate prayer and worship for enrolled ECU students.
- Promote unity among Christian students from different churches and denominations through shared prayer and worship.
- Equip and encourage students to share their faith respectfully and confidently within the university environment.
- Provide opportunities for ECU students to explore the Christian faith in a welcoming and non-coercive environment.
- Foster a supportive community where students are encouraged, supported, and prayed for in their personal and academic lives.
- Organise prayer-focused events, worship nights, and collaborative activities that benefit the ECU student community.
- Work collaboratively with other student clubs and organisations where appropriate, while maintaining a distinct focus on prayer and worship
- Welcome all enrolled ECU students who wish to participate in club activities, while maintaining the club's Christian purpose and values.

The Gathering commits to abiding by the Guild's Code of Conduct and upholding the values of the people that it represents.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section A: Eligibility - Membership shall be open to all enrolled Edith Cowan University students who are interested in participating in the activities of The Gathering, including prayer, worship, and Christian fellowship. Membership is inclusive of all students regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, cultural background, or church denomination, provided they respect the purpose and values of the club.

Section B: A minimum of 51% of the club's members must be ECU students.

Section C: Grounds for Removal – Members that are observed going against the direct purpose of the club, displaying anti-social behavior, and/or making disparaging comments about the Guild and not abiding by the Guild Code of Conduct, will be subject to removal from the club. This removal will be immediate, but appeals are available at the discretion of the club. Engage in behaviour that directly undermines the purpose of The Gathering, including persistent disruption of prayer, worship, or organised activities

- Engage in harassment, bullying, or intimidation of any member
- Act in a way that compromises the safety, well-being, or respectful environment of the club

ARTICLE III: MEMBER RULES

All club members agree to abide by the following club rules:

1. **The Gathering** is an all-inclusive organisation and will not discriminate against age, gender, ethnicity and orientation.
2. **The Gathering** does not permit members to engage in any form of harassment, bullying, humiliation or other such forms of membership initiation conditions and/or practices.

3. **The Gathering** is an advocate for the ECU Guild and commits first and foremost, to serving the interests of ECU Students and, by association, the Guild, above any other internal or external organisations and/or interests.
4. The Guild takes no responsibility or liability financially or in any other way.

ARTICLE IV: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section A: Responsibility – Management of this club shall be vested in an Executive Committee, democratically elected by the membership, responsible for overseeing the activities, direction, and administration of The Gathering in accordance with this Constitution and ECU Guild requirements. The Executive Committee is responsible for ensuring the club remains organised, inclusive, and aligned with its purpose of prayer, worship, and evangelism.

Section B: Membership – This committee shall consist of the following members, who must be currently enrolled ECU students.

Section C: Executive Positions –

President

- Provides overall leadership and vision for the club
 - Chairs executive and general meetings
 - Oversees planning and coordination of club activities, including prayer, worship, and outreach events
 - Ensures the club operates in accordance with the Constitution and ECU Guild requirements
 - Acts as the primary liaison between the club and the ECU Guild
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Treasurer

- Manages the club's bank account and keeps track of all income and expenses
 - Prepares and submits financial reports (e.g., for Guild quarterly club reports)
 - Handles reimbursements, float top-ups, and grant/funding requests
 - Keeps receipts and records organised for auditing and transparency
 - Works with the committee to set and monitor the club's budget for events
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Secretary

- Maintains accurate records of meetings, decisions, and official documents

- Manages club communications, including emails, announcements, and member updates
- Assists with administrative tasks required for ECU Guild reporting and compliance
- Keeps the membership register up to date
- Supports coordination of events and general club organisation

ARTICLE V: REGISTER OF MEMBERS

1. The club must keep and maintain an up-to-date register of the members, which shall be known as the Register of Members.
2. The Register of Members is strictly to be used to communicate matters pertaining to the Society and its designated purposes.
3. The Register of Members must be made available to any Committee Member, Employee of the Guild, or the relevant Vice-President of the Guild upon request.
4. The Register of Members must be updated continuously.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

Committee Meetings

1. Committee Members must engage in club affairs at least monthly unless granted leave.
2. Formal meetings shall be held quarterly at a convenient time, with electronic meetings permitted.
3. The President (or Vice-President in their absence) shall chair meetings and hold both a deliberative and casting vote.
4. Meeting minutes shall be recorded by the Secretary or a designated member.
5. A quorum requires at least three Committee members.
6. Meetings are open to all members unless confidentiality requires an in-camera session.
7. Resolutions are passed by a Simple Majority unless otherwise stated in this Constitution.

General Meetings

1. The Society shall hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) before the end of the Academic Calendar, with Special General Meetings (SGMs) convened as needed.
2. The AGM shall review minutes of previous meetings, financial statements, and agenda items.
3. SGMs may be called by Committee resolution or by a requisition signed by at least 20 General Members.
4. A minimum of 7 business days notice of meetings must be provided to the entire membership of the club.
5. SGMs shall only address pre-specified matters.
6. General Meeting procedures shall be determined by the Committee, with resolutions passed by a Simple Majority.

ARTICLE VII: DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Procedures

Any member of the club who fails to observe the rules, or whose conduct does not observe the objectives of the club may be suspended or expelled from membership of the club.

If a club member believes any member is acting in contravention of these rules they will:

1. Raise the issue with the club executive committee or their ECU Guild Vice President and/or ECU Guild General Secretary.
2. The behaviour must be investigated and addressed immediately.
3. If the club cannot mediate the issue to a satisfactory resolution, the issue will be directed to the ECU Guild Senate to investigate and determine a course of action.

ARTICLE VIII: REPORTING

To keep in line with reporting legislation in WA which the Guild is bound by, and to improve communication between the club and the Guild, we The Gathering are committed to:

1. Providing a budget to our relevant Vice President, and adhering to their recommendations to the best of our ability.
2. Keeping the Guild updated with any changes to banking details.
3. Declare all existing and potential affiliations, funding arrangements, sponsorships, and agreements we have with other organisations.
4. Keeping the Guild updated on the composition and roles of the committee, as well as contact details.
5. Allowing adequate notice of events, as well as changes to the timing or location of these events.
6. Providing a copy of the clubs bank statement, AGM and other meetings minutes to the Guild.

ARTICLE IX: DISSOLUTION

1. "In the event of the (The Gathering) becoming defunct or dissolved, the assets and funds that remain after such, and the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, shall be transferred to the Guild. Provided there are no external sponsors in which case the club will settle their outstanding accounts and balances to be paid and settled with all remaining funds turned over accordingly.
2. All Funds owed to the ECU student Guild will be paid in full within 28 days of the date of dissolution" as Guild Funds will remain Guild funds and will need to be paid back accordingly.
3. Final bank statement, showing closer of bank account and distribution of the funds to the members, to be given to the Guild.

ARTICLE X: CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

No amendments to the Constitution shall be made unless approved by a Simple Majority vote of both the Committee and members at an AGM or SGM.