

20th March 2018



Dear Members

**Staff Presentation, Dot Miles Tribute and 2018 BDA AGM  
Saturday 14th April 2018 – 9.00am-16.30pm**

NOTICE is hereby given to attend Staff Presentation, Dot Miles Tribute and 2018 BDA AGM. This will be held at 9.00am-4.30pm on Saturday 14th April 2018 at the Manchester Conference Centre, Sackville Street, Manchester M1 3BB.

The Charity Commission have advised us that we need to amend the BDA Articles of Association regarding rewording the Objects and Powers of the Association. The Board of Trustees will now put forward a special resolution at the AGM for the members to vote on the change /amendments.

The Special Resolution information and explanation is attached to this letter and a BSL version can be found on the BDA website on the following link: [bda.org.uk/SpecialResolution](http://bda.org.uk/SpecialResolution)

By order of the Board of Trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Damian Barry'.

**Damian Barry**  
**Company Secretary**  
20th March 2018

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**Everyone is welcome to attend the Staff Presentation, Dot Miles Tribute and 2018 BDA AGM.**

As BDA has an environmental policy to lower carbon footprint, **hard copy documents can be requested by contacting the BDA Head Office** (see contact details at the bottom right).



Or you can download the documents via: [bda.org.uk/annualgeneralmeeting](http://bda.org.uk/annualgeneralmeeting)

1. Staff Presentation, Dot Miles Tribute and 2018 BDA AGM pack and booking form
2. BDA AGM Minutes on 28th January 2017 – Priory Street, York
3. Special Resolution to amend wording of the BDA Memorandum of Articles.
4. BDA Summarised Accounts for 2016-17 or Full Audited Accounts for 2016-17

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## **LUNCH TICKET ORDER AT THE AGM**

£10 – please order your lunch ticket before 6th April 2018: fill in the enclosed form and post to the BDA or visit our website to order lunch (see above).

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### **Hotel / Accommodation information:**

#### **HOTEL IBIS, MANCHESTER CENTRE PRINCESS – 96 PORTLAND STREET, MANCHESTER M1 4GX**

To book at Hotel Ibis, you will just need to call or email the reservations team on 0161 6199000 or email [h3143@accor.com](mailto:h3143@accor.com)

#### **HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS – 2-4 OXFORD ROAD, MANCHESTER M1 5QA**

To book at Holiday Inn Express, you will just need to call or email the reservations team on 08432 083005 or email [info@hiemanchester.co.uk](mailto:info@hiemanchester.co.uk)

#### **PREMIER INN – THE CIRCUS, 112-114 PORTLAND STREET, MANCHESTER M1 4WB**

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**For more information about the BDA Members' AGM and Forum, please contact Marie Schultze, Head Office Administrator**

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## Background

- The current Articles of Association the Charity Commission has on file was adopted on 5th October 2013. This document contains in article 2A “Objects and Powers” This means that both Objects and Powers are regulated by the Charity Commission.

### 2. Objects

The Association is established for the objects expressed in the Memorandum of Association.

### 2A. Objects and Powers (as referred to in Article 2 above)

The Association is established to relieve Deaf people and to advance their education and training. In furtherance of such objects but not further or otherwise the Association shall have the following powers.

- New regulations require BDA to consult with the Charity Commission first on any proposed changes before they are presented to members at the AGM.

This means that because the Articles contain both Objects and Powers together then any changes are regulated and if Trustees want to make changes, they first must seek consent from the Charity Commission. By amending items 2A “Objects and Powers” to become new title “Furtherance of Powers” it will allow Trustees who want to make proposed changes in future to the “Furtherance of Powers” then they do not require consent from the Charity Commission first and can present this to members at the AGM.

BDA would like to amend Article 2A to become Furtherance of Powers and at the Annual General Meeting the following resolution will be proposed as a special resolution:

## Special Resolution

THAT the Articles of Association of the Company be amended so that the existing Article 2 and the opening paragraph of Article 2A be removed in their entirety and replaced by the following wording:

### 2. Objects

The Association is established for the objects expressed in the Memorandum of Association. The Association is established to relieve Deaf people and to advance their education and training. In furtherance of such objects but not further or otherwise the Association shall have the following powers:

### 2A. Furtherance of Powers (as referred to in Article 2 above)

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