

# Constitution of the Association of Lipspeakers with Additional Sign (ALAS)

14th May 2026

## CONSTITUTION

### **1. Name**

The name of the organisation shall be: Association of Lipspeakers with Additional Sign

### **2. Aims and Objectives**

The aim of the Association shall be to represent Lipspeakers who have additional sign language skills and to promote lipspeaking and its good practice by:

- Providing support and fellowship to trainee and qualified Lipspeakers
- Representing the views and concerns of fellow Lipspeakers
- Encouraging the development of a national standard for lipspeaking with additional sign
- Upholding the professional reputation of lipspeakers

### **3. Structure**

The Association shall have the following structure:

There shall be two categories of membership:

#### **1. Full Membership**

This shall be open to those who have both NRCPD registered Lipspeaking qualification and minimum NRCPD registered BSL level 2 qualification.

#### **2. Associate Membership**

This shall be open to student lipspeakers, those with an interest in lipspeaking and lipspeaking with sign.

### **4. Subscription**

Full membership £25

Associate membership £15

ALAS membership shall be subject to payment of an annual sum laid down by the Committee. Any lapse in NRCPD registration will mean automatic suspension of membership.

## **5. Officers**

The committee shall be elected annually at the AGM.

All candidates for election must consent to office and must be proposed and seconded by at least two voting members of the Association, in writing, received by the Secretary not less than 28 days before the Annual General Meeting.

At every Annual General Meeting of the Association the following officers shall be elected:

- Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Any other Committee member as may be approved by the ALAS

## **6. Committee Meetings**

The Committee shall meet at least twice annually (either online or Face-to-Face)

Minutes will be taken and available to Full Members.

## **7. General Meetings**

The Association shall hold an Annual General Meeting - at a time and place to be decided by the Committee.

## **8. Financial Arrangements**

The dates of the financial year shall be 1st January - 31st December.

The Treasurer of the Association shall keep the accounts of the Association and shall submit them to the Committee and the Annual General Meeting.

The accounts shall be audited annually by an independent party.

## **9. Amendments of the Constitution**

The Association shall amend the Constitution when decided by the Chair and committee.

## **10. Dissolution of the Association**

The Committee shall appoint an officer of the ALAS to disburse monies in accordance with the decision of the Association.