Marie Curie Annual General Meeting FAQs

When is the AGM?

The Marie Curie AGM is on Wednesday 18 November 2026. The AGM starts at 9am.

Where is the AGM taking place?

The AGM is a hybrid meeting where members can attend online (via Microsoft Teams) or in person.

The venue for the in-person event is:

etc.venues County Hall, Belvedere Road, London, SE1 7GP.

You can view their website for more information about the venue - County Hall | Multipurpose Venue on London's stunning Southbank | etc.venues

How can members attend online?

Members can request to attend online by email confirmation to mariecuriesecretariat@mariecurie.org.uk

How do I vote if I am attending online or unable to attend the AGM?

Members attending online via Microsoft Teams can vote by a show of hands, alternatively members who cannot attend the AGM can appoint a proxy to vote on their behalf, please see the enclosed proxy form.

Why does this year's AGM include a special resolution?

This resolution makes a number of changes to Marie Curie's Articles of Association, as part of a general governance review. The changes, which have been discussed and approved by the Board of Trustees prior to the special resolution, ensure that the Charity's Articles are up to date and streamline governance arrangements.

Why are these changes needed?

Marie Curie's Articles of Association are important, as they set out how the organisation is run, how decisions are made at board level, and who can be a member of Marie Curie.

The last major review was 10 years ago and so, as part of the Board of Trustees ongoing work to ensure that the Articles continue to serve the needs of the organisation, a review was recently carried out.

The Trustees believe these changes will simplify governance in line with current good practice, reduce administrative costs and ensure that more of the Charity's resources are directed towards delivering its charitable objectives.

Why is it proposed to remove the requirement to hold an Annual General Meeting?

There is no longer any requirement under company or charity law for Marie Curie to hold an Annual General Meeting. Removing the requirement would therefore reduce administrative costs, as general meetings would only be called for significant decisions.

Why is it proposed that membership is restricted to current trustees?

Marie Curie's membership has shifted over time. Steps to rationalise the current membership records were needed, so that membership is only open to current Trustees and is terminated immediately if the member concerned ceases to be a trustee.

The rationale for the proposal is to streamline decision making, removing the need to hold general meetings for a wider membership group to approve standard resolutions or elect trustee members.

The proposal has been benchmarked against other national charities who have moved away from the traditional membership model these include Mencap, Alzheimer's Society, Barnardo's and the British Heart Foundation.

Would restricting membership to serving trustees lead to a reduced level of external accountability?

Marie Curie is subject to rigorous oversight by multiple official regulatory bodies across the United Kingdom. Our regulatory bodies include but are not limited to the Charity Commission, Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator, Care Quality Commission, Healthcare Inspectorate Wales/Care Inspectorate Wales, Healthcare Improvement Scotland and the Information Commissioner's Office.

The Board of Trustees has a wide range of skills, knowledge and experience, including clinical and commercial expertise and the proposed change would keep strategic and operational oversight tightly within the experienced Trustee Board. Our annual accounts are also externally audited.

If the changes to the Articles are approved, what happens to members who have additional responsibilities as part of their role as a Vice President or Life Vice President?

Members who hold the title of Life Vice President and Vice President will continue to hold these titles however they will no longer be classed as members. Role descriptions will be updated in due course setting out rights, expectations and the ongoing relationship with the Charity.

If the changes to the Articles are approved at the AGM, when do they take effect?

The changes would take effect on the 18 November 2026. The Company Secretary will then make the necessary submissions to Companies House, the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator and the Charity Commission. There are no additional actions required by existing members, the Company Secretary would then make the changes on the Membership Register.