

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025  
Saturday 8 November 2025 at 11.00 by Zoom**

Instructions for proxy voting are included in this mailing. Any members who wish to attend the meeting should send an e-mail giving their name and address to [agm@efdss.org](mailto:agm@efdss.org) not later than 6 November 2025. You will then be sent a link for the Zoom meeting.

**AGENDA**

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Apologies for absence**
- 3. Adoption of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 9 November 2024**
- 4. Matters arising from the Minutes (not elsewhere on this agenda)**
- 5. Presentation of the Annual Report and Accounts, including the report of the Auditors, and an update on activities April to November 2025.**

The Chair, Treasurer and Chief Executive will each speak on their areas of responsibility in the Annual Report and Accounts and will answer questions.

**6. Ordinary Resolution 1**

Under Article 3.7 it is proposed by the Board of Directors as an ordinary motion that from 1 January 2026 annual subscriptions shall be as set out in Note 2 below.

**7. Ordinary Resolution 2 (Proposed by the Board)**

It is proposed by the Board of Directors as an ordinary motion to appoint Sayer Vincent as the Society's auditors until the conclusion of the 2026 AGM and to authorise the Board of Directors to fix their remuneration.

**8. Special Resolution 1 (This requires a 75% majority in order to pass)**

It is proposed by the Board of Directors as a special motion that

- (1) the name of the English Folk Dance and Song Society shall be changed to Folk England
- (2) this change shall take place on a date to be determined by a resolution of the Board

**9. Elections to the Board (see Note 1)**

**10. Ordinary Resolution 3 (Proposed by the Board)**

Under Article 11.6 it is proposed by the Board of Directors as an ordinary motion that Elsa Cardona's appointment as a director until the 2027 Annual General meeting should be approved.

**11. Ordinary Resolution 4 (Proposed by the Board)**

Under Article 11.6 it is proposed by the Board of Directors as an ordinary motion that Nell Leyshon's appointment as a director until the 2027 Annual General meeting should be approved.

**12. Ordinary Resolution 5 (Proposed by the Board)**

Under Article 11.6 it is proposed by the Board of Directors as an ordinary motion that Lisa Saper's appointment as a director until the 2027 Annual General meeting should be approved.

**13. Ordinary Resolution 6 (Proposed by the Board) (see Note 3)**

Under Article 11.6 it is proposed by the Board of Directors as an ordinary motion that Jeremy Simpson's appointment as a director until the 2027 Annual General meeting should be approved.

## 14 Any Other Business.

**Note 1** At the 2024 AGM it was announced that Elsa Cardona, Nell Leyshon, Lisa Saper and Jeremy Simpson had been appointed to the Board under article 11.5. The approval of these appointments is part of the business of this meeting. Jeremy Simpson has since resigned from the Board. Elsa Cardona, Nell Leyshon and Lisa Saper have decided to seek election to the Board under article 11.2 and the directors have recommended their nominations. As there are more vacancies than candidates all are automatically elected.

**Note 2** The proposed 2026 membership subscriptions are as follows. The 2025 figures are in brackets)

Starter membership	£24	(£24)
Standard	£62	(£60)
Joint Standard	£93	(£90)
Student or 18-25	£28	(£27)
Younger Generation	£28	(£27)
Senior	£42	(£40)
Joint Senior	£62	(£60)
Single Life Membership	£555	(£538)
Joint Life Membership	£786	(£763)

Fees for associates (which are set by the Board and do not require approval at the AGM) will be

Group	£95	(£92)
School	£33	(£32)
UK Institution	£110	(£106)
Overseas Institution	£133	(£129)
Folk Development Agency	£95	(£92)

**Note 3** As Jeremy Simpson has since resigned from the Board, this motion appears as a formality and has no effect on his membership of the Board.