



## **Main Object**

The main object for which North West Democratic School was established is the provision of Democratic Education in the North West of Ireland, particularly Sligo and West Leitrim, for the benefit of young people, their families and the wider community. We will do this by providing an environment, governed by all members, in which young people can follow chosen pursuits at their own pace and in their own way. This will enable families to find support and connect with others who share similar values. This will facilitate members of the wider community who wish to share skills and experiences or give their time to supporting young people. All of this will be available to members on a cost sharing basis.

## **Subsidiary Objects**

As objects incidental and ancillary to the attainment of the Main Object, the Company shall have the following subsidiary objects:

- To establish and maintain a living democratic environment where individual members pursue learning and personal development in the way that best meets their needs while participating in a community of self-governance and justice where each member's voice is equally valued and heard;
- to maintain a safe environment and flexible structure;
- to foster the students innate capacity to direct their own learning in terms of both content and style;
- to support the students with accessing resources necessary to meet their self-expressed needs and personal and academic goals within a culture which gives equal status to all pursuits;
- to facilitate integration with the wider community through co-operation in teaching, learning, modelling and other experiences as may be requested by the students;
- to maintain the sustainability and viability of our school in the community through operating subsidiary businesses such as room rental for educational purposes, after-school care, second-hand markets, educational events and workshops;
- to ensure equality of access to people on all income streams through targeted fundraising activities and a contributory social fund specifically to provide financial assistance for tuition fees.
- Provided that the company shall not support with its funds any object nor endeavour to impose on, or procure to be observed by its members or others any regulation or restriction which, if an object of the company, would make it a trade union