

# Constitution of the Priestley International Centre for Climate

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## 1. Aims of the Centre

1.1 **The Priestley International Centre for Climate**, hereinafter referred to as "**The Priestley Centre**", will promote interdisciplinary research of the highest standard on climate change and its impact on nature and society.

1.2 The Priestley Centre will exist to encourage collaborative climate change related research across the physical and social sciences, helping to provide the necessary infrastructure and environment, and maximising external research income from government funding agencies, charities and industry.

1.3 The Priestley Centre will act to promote knowledge and training in climate change related research, through participation in undergraduate, postgraduate and research scientist training activities of the Faculties involved.

1.4 The Priestley Centre will seek to establish links with other faculties, institutions, research centres and individuals with the aim of promoting interdisciplinary climate change related research and collaborative activity.

## 2. Membership of the Centre

2.1 Membership of the Priestley Centre shall be open to: (a) any University of Leeds academic and related member of staff with an ongoing research interest in climate change, and (b) to other individuals, institutions or organisations at the invitation of the Management Committee with the approval of the Executive committee.

2.2 The Management Committee of the Priestley Centre will consider and, as appropriate, approve applications or nominations for membership of the Priestley Centre in accordance with 2.1 above.

2.3 Membership and makeup of the management committee shall be reviewed annually.

2.4 Members are expected to contribute to the life of the Priestley Centre by: a) participating in and proposing external seminars and networking activities; b) attending the annual meeting and submitting material for the annual report; c) helping to raise the external and internal profile of the Priestley Centre in their communications. In turn members can benefit from funding opportunities for interdisciplinary PhDs and other research projects. They will have networking opportunities, support for putting together proposals and with communicating their research to fellow academics and stakeholders including policy makers.

2.5 Members of the Priestley Centre must be aware that they may be subject to The Freedom of Information Act and receive requests for information about their activities\*.

## 3. Administration of the Centre

3.1 The Priestley Centre will have a Director, Deputy Director(s) and Management Committee, comprising of members representing the range of Faculties and disciplines involved.

3.2 The Director and Deputy Director(s) will each hold office for three years, and be eligible for immediate re-appointment. They will be appointed by the Steering Group following consultation with the members of the Priestley Centre.

3.3 There shall be a general meeting open to all members of the Priestley Centre at least once a year, the meeting to be convened and chaired by the Director or Deputy Director.

3.4 The Director or his/her representative will represent the Priestley Centre on the Research Committee of the major stakeholder Faculties involved and on any other committee of the University as is appropriate.

3.5 The Director and Deputy Director(s) will meet with a Steering Group comprising of the Deans of major stake share Faculties, Pro-Deans for Research and Innovation and Heads of School at least twice per annum. The PVC for research will attend at least once per annum.

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\*The Priestley International Centre for Climate based at the University of Leeds follows the model publication scheme approved by the UK's Information Commissioner for the purposes of the Freedom of Information Act. This publication scheme commits an authority to make information available to the public as part of its normal business activities.