

# Talking Maths in Public Constitution

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The Board of Trustees is also referred to as the **TMiP Committee** or just the **committee** or **trustees**.

## Purpose

Talking Maths in Public (TMiP) exists to promote the communication of mathematics to the public in the UK. This will be primarily achieved by running a conference every 2 years, in the UK, for people who work in the public communication of mathematics to network and share good practice, and secondarily by facilitating contact links between those involved in the public communication of mathematics.

The main aims of the organisation are to advance the education of the public in the subject of mathematics, and encourage the promotion of mathematics as a cultural endeavour, for the public benefit. This will be achieved by organising events to facilitate professional development and sharing of best practice for those working or aspiring to work in the communication of mathematics to the public. Our events will take place in the UK and will be mainly focused on the UK maths communication community, but communicators from elsewhere are invited to attend and share their experience also.

## Funds

Funds are held with the purpose of paying for conference/event costs, and no profit is expected or passed on to any named members of the organisation, with the sole exception being if they provide a service (such as presenting a session or specific admin roles) to the conference where they may be paid in the same way as an external service, and at a comparable rate. Any payments of this nature must be agreed by the other members of the committee, and agreed in writing, in accordance with Section 185 of the Charities Act and Section 28 of the TMiP Trust Deed.

Any profits will be put towards the costs of the next conference, or other TMiP events and running costs, such as travel for the committee to meet.

Funding to run the conferences is sought from relevant organisations, commercial interests and through ticket sales. Previous funders include host universities (and other universities), the London Mathematical Society (LMS), and the Institute of Maths and its Applications (IMA).

We are committed to keeping the cost of attendance at TMiP events to a minimum for paying attendees, and will budget to offer bursaries to attendees who may need them. We also commit to paying any external contributors to our events at as close as possible to their usual fee, and to endeavour to make payments as soon as possible once their work has been delivered. We will keep

organisational costs to a minimum, by making use of video conferencing, and limiting in-person meetings to the minimum required (where possible taking advantage of our being in the same place for other events).

TMiP holds a community organisation bank account for the purposes of receiving funding, paying conference costs, and paying external providers for their services, and otherwise handling the financial arrangements necessary for organising our events. Where we are working with universities to run events, local contacts may be used to liaise with finance departments to facilitate transactions.

If TMiP is dissolved by mutual agreement of all named members any remaining funds will be

- returned to original donors as far as possible, if they request it
- or donated to a relevant cause, such as a charity advancing maths promotion in the UK.

## TMiP Activities

Our main activity as an organisation will be to run the biennial TMiP conference, which will take place in different locations around the UK. Aside from the conference, TMiP also manages:

- an email account for communication purposes ([info@talkingmathsinpublic.uk](mailto:info@talkingmathsinpublic.uk)),
- a website ([talkingmathsinpublic.uk](http://talkingmathsinpublic.uk)),
- a mailing list for communication to interested persons,
- a WhatsApp chat group,
- a [monthly podcast](#), for six months out of every non-conference year,
- the [MEGA Grant](#), a biannual bursary scheme for large-scale outreach projects
- a monthly [Animation challenge](#)

and may occasionally organise other standalone events for the purposes of improving maths communication as necessary.

## Policies

Our full set of policy documents is available [on our website](#).

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