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APPENDIX 1

MODEL
CONSTITUTION
for a
WOMEN'S AUXILIARY
in an area where the YMCA
is not yet established.
National Council of Y.M.C.As.
112 Great Russell Street, London, W.C.1

1. NAME

This Auxiliary shall be called "The YMCA Women's Auxiliary of

2. GENERAL STATEMENT

The Young Men's Christian Association had its origin in London in June, 1844. through the inspiration and initiative of a young man of 22 - George Williams.

In 1855, the World's Alliance of YMCAs was constituted and at its First Conference held in Paris in that year it drew up the following Basis of Union of Young Men's Christian Associations in various countries throughout the world.

"The Young Men's Christian Association seek to unite those young men who, regarding Jesus Christ as their God and Saviour according to the Scriptures, desire to be His disciples in their doctrine and their life and associate their efforts for the extension of His Kingdom among young men"

The Association seeks to transcend all divisions and barriers of class, race, nationality, and political opinion.

The YMCA as a Christian Movement, seeks to provide young men and boys with opportunities for the full development of the whole personality - body, mind, and spirit. These facilities it offers both for their own value and in order that young manhood may thereby be equipped for the service of its fellows.

The Women's Auxiliary consists of the women who believe in the ideals and purposes of the YMCA and who associate themselves together to co-operate with the..... Divisional Women's Auxiliary in carrying out these ideals and purposes, who desire to forward the work of the Movement generally, to join in such other of its activities as may be practicable, and to assist in raising the funds needed for its work.

3. MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Auxiliary shall be open to any woman over the age of 18 in sympathy with the objects of the Association as defined above who desires to take her share in voluntary service to the Movement and who is accepted by the Committee of the Auxiliary. (When such an Auxiliary is first set up its initial group of members shall be appointed by the....Divisional Women's Auxiliary.)

4. MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

The Membership Subscription shall be.....payable annually.

5. MANAGEMENT

The affairs of the Auxiliary, shall be conducted by a committee consisting of :-

President, Vice-Presidents, Chairman, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary. Members elected at the Annual Meeting of the Auxiliary. One third of the Committee shall retire annually in rotation according to seniority of election but shall be eligible for re-election.

The Committee shall have power to fill vacancies, but only for the remaining period of the year and shall also have power to co-opt additional members not exceeding one third in number of its elected members.

The Committee shall have power to nominate two Representatives in addition to the President or Chairman and the Secretary ex officio to serve on the Divisional Women's Auxiliary.

The Committee shall have power to appoint such sub – committees as it deems fit

6. POLICY, FINANCE, AND ADMINISTRATION

All decisions about policy, finance, and administration of the Auxiliary are subject to the approval of theDivisional Women's Auxiliary to whom audited Financial Statements and a report of the year's work must be submitted annually.

7. ANNUAL MEETING

An Annual Business Meeting of the Auxiliary shall be held, not less than 7 days' notice in writing having been sent to each member. The Annual Report and a duly audited Financial Statement shall be presented, and the Officers shall be elected for the ensuing year together, with the members of the Committee as provided for above except that the Committee may elect its own Chairman if the Annual Meeting so decide. Such other business shall be transacted as the Committee shall decide.

8. DISCIPLINE

The Committee shall have power to suspend or discontinue the membership of any member whose conduct or general attitude or spirit is found to be prejudicial to the best interests of the Auxiliary or its membership. Such member shall have the right of personal hearing by the Committee.

9. AFFILIATION

The Auxiliary shall be affiliated to the Divisional Women's Auxiliary and through that Auxiliary to the National Women's Auxiliary, the annual affiliation fee being.....

10. ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION

No alteration may be made to this Constitution except with the approval of the Divisional Women's Auxiliary and of the Divisional Council. Notice of Motion of any such alteration shall be given by the Committee or by not less than six members of the Auxiliary. This Notice must be posted to each member at least 14 days before the Annual Business Meeting. The Motion shall not be declared passed unless at least two-thirds of the members present at the Annual Business Meeting shall have voted in favour of it.

11. SUSPENSION OF WORK

If the work of the Auxiliary shall be suspended, its books and records shall be handed to the Secretary of the Divisional Women's Auxiliary for safe custody and its property and effects shall be transferred to the Divisional Women's Auxiliary to be used as that Auxiliary may think fit.

APPENDIX 2

HUDDERSFIELD Y.M.C.A.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

16 John William Street, Huddersfield

Application for Membership

HISTORY

The Young Men's Christian Association in England had its origin in London in June, 1844, through the inspiration and initiative of a young man of 22-George Williams. Today it comprises fifty-four National Movements, ten thousand seven hundred and forty-four local centres (including nearly seven hundred centres in the British Isles), with a membership of more than one and a half million young men and boys.

The Movement seeks to transcend all divisions and barriers of class, race, nationality and political opinion.

The Y.M.C.A. as a Christian Movement, seeks to provide young men and boys with opportunities for the full development of the whole personality-body, mind and spirit. These facilities it offers, not merely for their own sake, but in order that young manhood may thereby be equipped for the service of its fellows. These privileges and opportunities alike are open to Associate Members no less than to Full Members; and their active participation therein is cordially welcomed by the Association.

Applicants are asked to note the following extracts from the Rules.

2. OBJECTS -The objects of the Auxiliary are to further the interests of the Huddersfield YMCA and to render service to and on behalf of the Association by assisting at Receptions, Bazaars or other financial efforts which may from time to time be organised.

3, MEMBERSHIP -The membership shall consist of Ladies who are in sympathy with the objects of the YMCA which exists to promote the religious, moral, educational, social and physical welfare of young men and boys.

Application for membership must be made on the form provided for the purpose and must be proposed by a member and submitted to the Committee for acceptance.

Date

I DESIRE to be elected member of the Huddersfield YMCA Women's Auxiliary, and hereby **affirm** my sympathy with the aims and purposes of the Auxiliary.

Signature

Proposer (who must be a member of the Auxiliary)

Address

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT

Address

Name

Occupation (if other than housewife)

Is any male relative a member of the Y.M.C.A. ?

If the answer is 'yes' state the relationship

In what way do you feel able to assist the Auxiliary in its work ?

Any other information which will assist the Committee in dealing with the application

Accepted at Committee held

First subscription received (state date)

APPENDIX 3

PRAYER FOR THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF THE YMCA

Written by Nan Bennington for NWA in May 1990

Almighty God may the Spirit of our Saviour Jesus Christ enable all that we do for the National and Local Women's Auxiliary of the YMCA. Inspire us with the faith that, in ways beyond our knowledge, our work is a blessing to others. From day to day may there be nothing in our work of which we can be ashamed.

We thank you that the Women's Auxiliaries of the YMCA was brought into being, and has been sustained though the long years with your strength and guidance. Give us inspiration to go forward into avenues as yet unknown with clear vision and understanding of your will so that we may see our lives as holy and every job we undertake as work done for you. Help us to serve you in whatever way you show us to further your work both through our Movement and elsewhere, looking away from ourselves to the 'hopes and needs of others, though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

APPENDIX 4

AN EXAMPLE OF A WOMEN'S AUXILIARY FROM 1960's to 1990's

HUDDERSFIELD WA

Mrs Ashton Sykes relinquished the Presidency after serving for the full two year term. The General Secretary was a Mr Brown

1962 - 1963

PRESIDENTS	Mrs JR Shires	Mrs Sykes
SECRETARIES	Mrs A Amley	Mrs A Amley
TREASURER	Mrs SF Sykes	Mrs SF Sykes

After 37 years in John Williams Street in Huddersfield the WA shifted to temporary premises in the Boys Club It was hoped that work would start on the long awaited new building on March 1st 1962 and be ready for occupancy in July 1963.

The ladies of the YWCA were invited to join the WA as their premises were closing. It was in 1963 that the General Secretary Mr Brown approached the Huddersfield YMCA Council to gain permission to opened up the membership to families, women and girls.

RECORDS FROM THE MINUTES OF HUDDERSFIELD WA FROM MAY 1973

May 10th - These monthly meetings, which always opened with prayer, were attended by ladies such as **Mrs Brown, Mrs P Wood, Mrs Stead Mrs Tattersall Mrs B Scofield Mrs franks Mrs M Taylor, Mrs R Sykes Mrs Armitage, Margaret Smith and Mrs O Arnold**. The accounts reflected a balance of £480.66 from fund raising activities such as Snowball tea, Bridge Drive, Flower Fund, coffee mornings, Fashion Shows, Autumn Fayre and monthly teas. Huddersfield WA were part of the Yorkshire WA. Plans were made for the York Luncheon. The YMCA Secretary, who was expected to attend WA meetings was **Mr Stan Hirst** who later became the Regional Secretary of Yorkshire and Durham.

By 10th January 74 the fund was able to donate £1000 towards the Huddersfield building scheme and £500 to YMCA work overseas - which left a balance to £97.91. This from 152 members.

Commitment to the WA for some, was total. The long service award was given to **Mrs S.F.Sykes after 40 years service, Mrs Drinkwater, Mrs A Riley and Mrs jack Dyson after 20 years**. Different groups within each WA competed in raising funds through a wide range of activities. The amounts per month were small, but collectively they became significant. The members enjoyed each others company and shared personal problems with their friends.

The Divisional AGM of the WA was held in Huddersfield YMCA (1975) as this was the Centenary Year of the founding of Huddersfield YMCA. The Duchess of Kent was invited, but because of prior engagements, could not attend. Another £1000 was donated to the 'Boys Club'. The annual membership fee was 75p.

Plans for the Centenary Year included a Thanksgiving Service in the Parish Church, a dance, and a fayre, concluding with a concert by the Huddersfield Choral Society in the Town Hall. **Mr Brown**, who had been General secretary for 14 years thanked the WA for all their fund raising efforts.

Mrs Sykes stood down from being treasurer for 32 years and having been presented with a brooch, was made a Vice President. The year's efforts raised £2472.33 towards the 1975 Centenary Appeal Fund of the YMCA , a fantastic effort.

Often members of a local WA moved from one honorary position to another, filling the officer positions of President, Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary. They were also involved as Chairperson of sub groups such as the Flower group, the Catering group, the Sewing group, the Bridge group, the Tea committee, the Press Reporter or the Speaker Finder. Most WA groups had the same such structure alongside the Officers and the full committee members.

(Below is a picture of the Dartford Women's Auxiliary Celebrating their YMCAs 100 years existence since 1898)



Monthly meetings were part of a regular programme whereby women came together to organise events for the various fundraising groups. The Huddersfield YMCA was ever expanding with new activities for boys of different age groups. The WA annually raised over £1000 per year towards Huddersfield YMCA work and £400 to £500 per year for YMCA work overseas. This was mirrored around the UK where WA's worked tirelessly for their local YMCA.

Each and every meeting commence with prayer shared by the group each selecting their own contribution in turn. The caring for each other clearly shows in the minutes of the club meetings. Names of those who were ill, or had family problems, or had retired into nursing homes were read out and remembered.

As the economies of YMCAs came under review YMCA General Secretaries had to challenge WA's who had sole use of a room and suggest that as that room was only used by the local WA once or twice a month, perhaps consideration could be made of hiring out the same room to others when it was not in use, bringing in further income. In Huddersfield YMCA the Secretary asked for this suggestion to be discuss, quickly recognising and thanking the WA for the £1000 annual donation.

The Diamond Jubilee of the National Womens Auxiliary was held on June 8th 1978.

YMCAs were starting to change their constitutions to ensure that Social and Programme groups were represented onto the Association's General Committees. This to included representation from the local WA.

The YMCA started to take a lead in 'Equal Opportunities' for its members.

	1974 - 1975	1976	1977 - 78	1979- 80
PRESIDENTS	Mrs RLM Wood	Mrs Cressy-Hall	Miss EA Stay	Mrs CM Watson
SECRETARIES	Mrs MN Kierman	Mrs MN Kierman	Mrs MN Kierman	Mrs MN Kierman
TREASURERS	Mrs SJ Sykes	Mrs RLM Wood	Mrs RLM Wood	Mrs RLM Wood

	1981-82	1983- 84	1985- 87	1988 -90
PRESIDENTS	Miss J Gardam	Mrs E Wells	Mrs C Willoughby	Mrs T Holroyd
SECRETARIES	Mrs MN Kierman	Mrs MN Kierman	Mrs MN Kierman	Mrs MN Kierman
TREASURERS	Mrs CM Watson	Mrs CM Watson	Mrs CM Watson	Mrs CM Watson

1991-1996

PRESIDENT	Mrs CM Watson
SECRETARY	Mrs J Ogden
TREASURER	Mrs CM Watson

1980 the AGM of Huddersfield YMCA had 35 ladies in attendance. £1500 was given to the YMCA £17 affiliation fee paid to national WA and a £5 gift to **Mrs Basscomb on her retirement from the Chair of the National WA**. £25 to overseas work

Mrs Sykes died just before the August 1980 meeting. She had been a member of the WA for a least 35 years of dedicated service and was not dissimilar to many others whose service stretched to 40 years or 45 years or even 50 years.

1982 and attendances at the monthly meetings were reducing the AGM saw 28 ladies in attendance with \$1200 being donated to the local YMCA.

1983 saw 14 ladies present at the AGM.

At the September 1984 meeting the Huddersfield WA discussed a letter from Goulding to change the name of Womens Auxiliary to YMCA Auxiliary or "Friends of the YMCA" . This name change was considered to enlist the help of both young and older men some of whom were husbands of WA members. It was unanimously agreed to change the name to "Friends of the YMCA" - a step which would take other WA's 15 years or more to accept and by that time the WA had virtually come to an end.

APPENDIX 5

LIST OF WOMEN AUXILIARY GROUPS THROUGHOUT THE UK AND FURTHER AFIELD

A

Aberaman Aberporth Aldenham Ashington

B

Ballymoney Banbury Barry Barnard Castle
Barnsley Barrow in Furness Barwell Bath
Battersea Rise Bedlington Bermondsey Blackburn
Blythe Bradford Brecon Wales) Bridgend
Bristol Bolton Bridgwater Brightlingsea
Burnmantofts Burton On Trent Bury (Lancashire)

C

Cambridge Carrickfergus Cardiff Castleford
Clapham Clapham Junction Claycross Chelmsford
Cheltenham Coalville Consett Coundon
Coventry

D

Dartford Deighton Derby Dewsbury
Desborough Doncaster

E

Ealing Eastbourne Enfield Englefield Green
Exeter Exmouth

F

Finsbury Park Forest Green

G

Garvargh Gateshead Grantham Gloucester
Guildford Godalming Goole Grimsby

H

Hackney Halifax Hampstead Hanley
Harrington Hastings Henley Hereford
Herrington Burn Hinckley Hornsey Horsham
Hove Huddersfield Hucknall Hyde

I

Ipswich Islington

K

Kendal Kennington London) Kentish Town Kingston on Thames
Kings Lynn

L

Leamington Leeds Leicester Lewisham
Lincoln Liverpool Llanelli Wales Llanelly Wales
Llantwit Varde Wales) Lockwood Loughborough Merthry Wales

M

Middlesborough Morpeth Mountain Ash Wales

N

Newcastle – Ireland Newcastle Newport Wales Norwich
Northampton (Grafton) Nottingham (Rushden) Nottingham (Central)

O

Ogmore Vale Oldham Orrell Oxford

P

Paignton Penge Penrith Plaistow
Plymouth Preston Ponthenry Pontypridd Wales)
Porthcawl

R

Radcliffe
Rhondda Wales)
Rutland

Reading
Ripon

Redhill
Romford

Reigate
Rotherham

S

Sandwich
Southport
Stamford
Stockport
Swansea

Scunthorpe
Southampton
Stamford Hill (London)
Sunderland
Southampton

Shankhill
St Helens
Stratford
Sutton Coldfield

Shepherds Bush
Stafford
Stockton
Swindon

T

Taunton

Torquay

Tynemouth

Port Talbot Wales

W

Wakefield
Wellington (2)
Whitehaven
Winton
Worcester

Walthamstow
Wellington Junior
Wigan
Winchester
Workington

Wealdstone London)
West Bromwich
Wilton
Woolwich
Worthing

Wellington (1)
Weston Super Mare
Wimbledon
Woking

OVERSEAS GROUPS

Hong Kong
Gibraltar
Copenhagen

Jamaica
Guyana

Malta
Cologne

Barbados
Constantinople

TOTAL - 108