

The John Galt Society
Constitution
[amended as approved at the 2026 AGM]

1. The Society shall be called “The John Galt Society”.
2. The aims of the Society shall be to:
 - a. Promote and encourage the appreciation of the works of John Galt;
 - b. Encourage research into Galt’s life and works;
 - c. Issue publications and promote lectures and other events related to Galt, his life, work and times; and
 - d. Undertake such other related activities as may be thought appropriate.
3. Membership of the Society shall be open to individuals, organisations and institutions with an interest in its aims.
4. The governing body of the Society shall be a Committee consisting of a Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and at least six other members. The Committee may co-opt up to three additional members. The office-bearers and Committee members shall be elected every year at the annual general meeting. A quorum for Committee members shall consist of four persons including at least one office-bearer.
5. An Annual General meeting shall be held each year in conjunction with a public meeting of the Society. Every motion put before an AGM shall be determined by a simple majority of members present and voting. A quorum for the AGM shall be twelve members. The Chair shall have a deliberative and, if necessary, a casting vote.
6. The Committee shall arrange for an annual programme of events and publications.
7. A Special General Meeting may be called on the requisition of 12 members giving to the Chair 30 days notice of the proposed meeting and the business to be discussed.
8. The Committee may elect an Honorary President, Honorary Vice Presidents and Honorary Members.
9. The Committee shall, out of money received by the Society, pay all proper expenses of administration and management of the Society and shall use the residue as it thinks fit to further the aims of the Society.
10. No member shall profit financially from activities undertaken on behalf of the Society. **This clause shall not be construed as prohibiting members from applying for a research grant or any other competitively awarded research support from the Society. Members may apply for and accept such awards.**
11. The financial year shall end on 31st March and accounts, prepared by the Treasurer, shall be **presented annually for approval at the AGM.**
12. Annual subscriptions shall be such sums as the AGM shall from time to time determine.
13. In the event of the dissolution of the Society any funds remaining shall be transferred to a society or institution involved in the study or promotion of Scottish literature and the Society’s records and documents shall be transferred to an appropriate library or archive.
14. Alterations to this constitution may be made at a General meeting of the Society, the notice for which shall state the terms of the proposed alteration.