Steppe Sisters: The Future of Our Charitable Status

2026 AGM Vote

The outcome of this vote will guide the Steering Committee's future priorities, governance arrangements and approach to funding.

Both options allow Steppe Sisters to continue pursuing its mission of supporting women researchers, fostering collaboration across academic and cultural boundaries, and promoting research, education and equality in the study of Central Asia and neighbouring regions.

Please delete the option that you do not support, and be sure to date your email and include your full name and title (and institutional affiliation, if relevant). Only one vote per eligible member will be counted.

Voting Instructions

Members may submit their vote by email to hello@steppesisters.org, no later than 5:00 pm UK time on Thursday, 12 November 2026.

To cast your vote we recommend copying and pasting the text below into your email and following these steps:

1. Confirm your eligibility using the statement below.
2. Delete the voting option you do not support, leaving only your preferred option.
3. Include your full name, title and institutional affiliation (if applicable), and date your email.
4. Send your completed vote to hello@steppesisters.org before the deadline.

Voter eligibility

I confirm that I am a woman working in, on, or from Central Asia and neighbouring regions, and that I am a member of Steppe Sisters through our Facebook group or newsletter.

Please select one of the following options

Option 1 — Continue pursuing charitable registration

I support Steppe Sisters preparing and submitting a revised application for registration in the UK as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, addressing the concerns raised by the Charity Commission.

Option 2 — Retain our existing organisational structure

I support Steppe Sisters continuing to operate as an unincorporated community association based in the UK under its existing constitution, without pursuing charitable registration at the present time.