ESG Gaming

## Governance & People Handbook June 2023





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#### A warm welcome



ESG Gaming is the trading name of ESG Corporate Community Interest Company. We are incorporated as a not-for-profit and with no share capital, Community Interest Company (CIC), Company registration number: 13566221. We are independently regulated by the Office of the Regulator of Community Interest Companies and registered with the Fundraising Regulator. Proudly founded in August 2021, our vision is to ensure that consumers worldwide possess the skills, knowledge, resilience, and tools to engage with digital entertainment in a safe, responsible, positive, and inclusive manner.

ESG Gaming is led by an exemplar, independent group of Non-Executive Directors; a competent, independent Executive Chair and (as income is secured) a Senior Leadership Team, comprising of a Chief Executive, Director of Fundraising and Director of Programmes. ESG Gaming will not employ more than six full-time employees into the medium term and will significantly punch above its weight. Our aim as a small, not-for-profit organisation is to deliver value and impact equivalent to an organisation with significantly more resources, so we model cost effectiveness in our sector.

Finally ESG Gaming will establish an Advisory Group in 2023 to complete the foundations of our people strategy. As ESG Gaming becomes more established, our Non-Executive Board will lead and scrutinise strategy and evaluation; our Senior Leadership Team will lead fundraising, public affairs, product development and operational delivery and our Advisory Group will provide consumer insight and counsel.

Governance is system that provides a framework for managing an organisation. Leaders who work in an organisation are responsible for that framework. In the case of ESG Gaming being both a lean and start-up organisation, governance is led and owed everybody. Therefore combining these two functions, in to one governance and people strategy, not only encourages ownership by everybody, but also ensures a shared understanding across our flat hierarchical structure.

If you are on the ESG Gaming journey, or wish to join us and contribute, we'll welcome you with open arms. Obviously we are biased, but ESG Gaming is an incredibly special organisation. Everybody is connected through a shared desire to deliver our vision in a compelling, thoughtful and evidence-led way, with a good dose of fun and kindness along the way.

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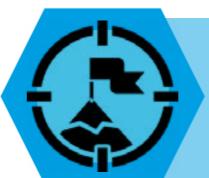
#### **We live our Values**

We are creative, confident and kind

We believe in the power of partnerships and the social capital of collaboration

We as a team focus on delivering outcomes that exceed expectations

We challenge conventional thinking and embrace difference



#### We exist to deliver our Mission

ESG Gaming is a passionate advocate of emerging technology and is committed to working alongside the digital entertainment sectors to ensure the experience is open, inclusive and positive for all consumers and stakeholders

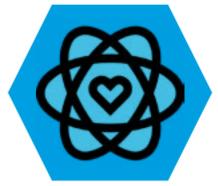
## We imagine the future through our Vision

To ensure that consumers worldwide possess the skills, knowledge, resilience, and tools to engage with digital entertainment in a safe, responsible, positive, and inclusive manner

#### The shorthand for ESG Gaming's culture and strategy, a metaphor for what makes us unique.











#### **Our Board behaviours**



ESG Gaming is an agile, start-up Community Interest Company (CIC); characterized by a forward-looking and exploratory approach that makes for timely decision making and an organisation that we believe is more adaptable and more innovative. Our people have the talent to identify and respond effectively to changes in the internal and external environment with a sense of tenacity; a fierce blend of determination, persistence, and grit.

Our board currently consists of four founding members. As ESG Gaming becomes more established and our products clearly defined, we intend to conduct a skills audit to understand if we have the right mix of skills and knowledge. If there are gaps, we will consider upskilling current members or recruiting new members. We plan to have no more than six members in total and all members commit to no more than two terms of three-years.





All our board members are comfortable with not only scrutinizing our organizational performance but also their individual and collective performance as a board. Each board member acts with professionalism and takes ownership of the 'challenges' as well as the 'nice to do' jobs. Board members are happy to have objectives and be measured against them, show resilience and are open to challenge. Members are happy to have a fixed tenure and aware enough to move on when they feel that they have made their contribution, even if this is after just one term. Board members will always put the needs of the ESG Gaming first and demonstrate awareness that somebody with a different background or thinking style may be able to add more value.

All our board members epitomize servant leadership and engage with the Advisory Group and Senior Leadership Team, and are valued by them as their critical friends. Board members commit to a minimum of two days per month, on average, and each member wants to spend time building their knowledge, understanding and considering how they can best add value. Board members believe it about what they do as appose to who they are. We know behaviours drive performance, and high performing boards and their members behave in ways that build their organisation's strength. For ESG Gaming this means all board members are obsessed that their actions create measurable social impact.





One of our values is to challenge conventional thinking and embrace difference. Therefore as new talent joins ESG Gaming, irrespective of role, we are mindful and alert to building a team made up of different characters. It is these characters, each with their different line of sight, which will be our strength. Therefore ESG Gaming will have:

A Peacemaker who asks: can't we find a common way? Surely there is a different approach?

A Challenger who says: can't we do better? Has it always been done this way and if so why?

A History holder who says: do remember where we come from. We need to go back to our roots, and remember what worked in the past.

A Compliance person who ask: what will the auditors think? Is this legal?

A Passionate advocate who will say: for goodness sake, surely, we must take a risk?

A Data champion who will say: all the evidence shows that however often we do that, it makes no difference to the outcomes.

**A Wise counsellor who will ask:** we are not the only people trying to tackle this issue, we need to think carefully, plan properly, and take this step by step.

An Inspiring leader who will: hold the vision, will point to the hills, will enthuse and excite.

A Fixer who says: I think we can get together outside the meeting and sort this out.

A Risk taker who will say: the case is there, let's just spend the money, and it is such a good idea that it will work.

A Strategist who will say: we need to think about what will happen in 2026, and recognise that if the Government makes the changes that they are planning, then our position will be much stronger or weaker and the whole environment will be different.

And finally a Beneficiary Champion who will say: I am worried that we are ignoring the interests of our beneficiaries / customers. We haven't mentioned their needs all though this meeting.

Dame Julia Unwin the former Chief Executive of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation says 'all those voices, all those questions and more, make great organisations. The role of the board is to have the diversity to hold in balance the strategist, passionate advocate and entrepreneur with the risk taker, the compliance person and the data champion. Boards that are entirely entrepreneurial are pretty scary. Boards that are entirely compliance driven are terrifying'.







#### **Community Interest / Public Benefit Test**

ESG Gaming satisfies the community interest & public benefit test as we undertake the following activities which benefit our community in order to raise awareness off and minimise gambling, gaming or tech-related harms.

#### **Activities**

(i) Safer Gaming Research; (ii) Build a Web3 metaverse to educate consumers on the safe consumption of technology and digital entertainment; (iii) developing igaming career pathways for members of the public from vulnerable communities to secure employment within the igaming sector (iv) develop an accreditation standard for esports teams and (v) with permission from the regulator, make grants to organisations to harms from c25% of our surplus annually.





#### **Community**

Our beneficiaries / community are defined as (i) members of the public, aged 18 yrs and over who may be at risk of gambling, gaming or tech harm; (ii) members of the public who live within vulnerable communities.

#### **Objects of the CIC**

Are to carry out activities which benefit the community and in particular (without limitation) reduce gambling, gaming or tech related-harms by:



The advancement of prevention and research aimed at minimising gambling, gaming and tech harms for the benefit of the public in the United Kingdom and European Union, by providing advice and information, by raising awareness, and by making grants to organisations to deliver prevention work to further a national strategy to reduce harms;

The relief of poverty and the improvement of the conditions of life in socially and economically disadvantaged communities, particularly among those affected adversely by gambling, gaming or tech;

The promotion of a sustainable and responsible means of achieving economic growth, sustainability and regeneration of local communities.

Our beneficiaries / community are defined as (i) members of the public, aged 18 yrs and over who may be at risk of gambling, gaming or tech harm; (ii) members of the public who live within vulnerable communities.

ESG Gaming are working towards B Corp Certification. As such, we have a strong commitment to (i) ensure at least 80% of our non-labour expenses are from independent suppliers, within 50km of our registered office in London; and (ii) 75% of our customers and clients are local and independent.

#### **Our Research**

#### Project Influencer-led gambling in gaming on streaming channels. One

The aim of this research is to explore the behavioural (e.g. gambling activity) and environmental/ technological (e.g. group and platform factors) characteristics of influencer-led gambling in gaming on streaming channels through both academic & lived-experience research. This research would be extending the current emerging literature on the role of gambling type behaviours in gaming and streaming.

A mixed method approach of qualitative and quantitative methods would be applied to understand the following characteristics of influencer-led gambling in gaming on streaming channels: i) Behavioural (e.g. gambling activity); ii) Environmental (e.g. social/group factors); and iii) Technological (e.g. platform factors).

#### Project Influencer-led gambling in gaming on streaming channels. Two

The Research report will make suggestions about future developments including risks, challenges, and opportunities, in the context of gaming and gambling. Such as looking back and looking forward to technological development, platform participation and customer & platform behaviour.

A synthesis would be created, with potential recommendations around safeguarding customers based on customer behaviours and trends. Finally we would undertake a literature review and content analysis to collate information about:

Web2 and Web3 gambling - future trends

The specific challenges risks and opportunities for customers, operators and regulators.

Context and examples of gaming and gambling on emerging platforms.

Other activities in Web3 to compare to gaming and gambling.





#### **Our Educational Products**



#### Consumer protection in Web3

Our vision is to create a dedicated consumer protection platform in Web3 aimed at consumers aged 18yrs and over and the parents of younger consumers. The education platform will educate consumers and parents on emerging Web3 technology, safer gambling, safer gaming and safer consumption. To deliver this project, we are working with Mishcon de Raye LLP; MDRx (a tech subsidiary of Mishcon de Raye LLP), Bath Spa University and HTC VIVE.





Our Web3 platform will contain information on consumer mental & physical health in web3; diet & nutrition; financial capability and in game microtransactions; Non-Fungible Tokens and emerging tech; mindfulness; safer gambling and gaming, and links to support organisations. Our Web3 platform will feature both virtual reality and mix-reality and the initial build will be on the HTC VIVE VIVERSE metaverse platform, which will allow us to undertake consumer testing and an academic evaluation as part of the pilot phase

Our partners include Mishcon de Reya LLP and MDRx are specifically supporting ESG Gaming to scope out the wireframe of the Web3 platform; sharing insight into how we might use Non-Fungible Tokens as a source for good and how we might market to a B2C audience.

Mishcon de Reya

HTC VIVE are specifically supporting ESG Gaming with the build-out of the initial pilot platform for consumer testing and a donation of hardware to access the platform. MDRx



Bath Spa and Bournemouth Universities are supporting ESG Gaming by conducting an initial literary review on gambling in Web3, the production of a Theory of Change, consumer insight testing and an evaluation of the pilot platform.

Other partners include the Metaverse Standards Council who are supporting with metaverse integrity and ethics, best practice and development. The Blockchain Council are providing learning opportunities and certification and finally, ESG Gaming is a member of Crypto UK, the self-regulatory trade association for the UK crypto-asset industry, established to promote higher standards of conduct.



#### **Product** Two Addressing loneliness and social isolation among an ageing population through esports.

Working collaboratively with our partners we want to facilitate and evaluate a pilot esports education programme. This programme will have two aims: Firstly, we want to understand if esports can specifically reduce discrimination, loneliness and poor mental and physical health among people aged 55 years and older. Secondly, we want to understand if esports can improve cognitive abilities, such as memory, communication and reasoning among this population.



ESG Gaming intends to pilot a number of programmes through 2023/24 to build an evidence base of work in this area. The pilot programme will be delivered over two days per week, over a four-week period. The programme will consist of game basics, coaching from professionals, introduction to streaming, mindfulness, safer gaming, mental & physical health and conclude with a show-match. There will be a strong element of social interaction and the development of new friendships over gaming and good food.

### WHY ESPORTS MAY BE THE BEST CHOICE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

Looking specifically at older people competing in competitive gaming, there are two good examples of success; the Senior esports team from Switzerland: <u>Gaming | Senior Esports (senior-esports.com)</u> and Phoenix Blue from Sweden: <u>Home - PXB - Bringing Swedish esports to the world</u>. ESG Gaming is keen to work with partners to not only build insight, data and research into older people's gaming but also explore how gaming can be a force for good among this population.





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#### **Human Resources**

Non-Executive Directors and the Executive Chair will initially donate their time voluntarily to ESG Gaming, however as soon as the income is secured to pay Non-Executive Directors, an honorarium of up to £1,000pcm (gross) will be offered. This honorarium will be paid monthly directly to the NED's business (provided they are registered in the UK and listed on Companies House). The honorarium will be reviewed annually and an increase may be awarded, pending ESG Gaming's ability to afford it. Non-Executive Directors are not classed as employees of the CIC.



The Executive Chair will be paid an annual salary which will be reviewed and agreed by the board annually, pending ESG Gaming's ability to afford it. The Executive Chair is classed as an employee of the CIC with terms and benefits summarised as below for all employees.

Positions within the Senior Leadership Team will be only filled once ESG Gaming has secured the funding. The board will benchmark, discuss and agree the salary levels for the members of this team. To attract the right talent and mindful ESG Gaming will have no more than six employees, we will seek to pay 10% above the sector median where possible. The first three positions we will recruit will be a Chief Executive, Director of Fundraising and Director of Programmes. Salaries will be reviewed annually and the board reserve the right to include an element of performance pay within any salary offered. No employee will earn more than £125,000 annually. Members of the Senior Leadership Team are classed as employees of the CIC with terms and benefits summarised below.



#### **Employee terms and benefits**

All employees of the CIC will be asked to provide evidence of their eligibility to work in the UK and appointments will be subject to two independent references and a Basic Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) disclosure. All appointments will be offered on an initial six-month probation period and be subject to our standard Contract of Employment. All positions will be home working with travel expenses paid whenever the employee leaves their home on official business.

**Holiday:** 35 days per year, rising to 38 days after three-years of continuous service and 40 days after five-years continuous service. Employees will also be awarded up to two days volunteering annually and a bonus day off on their birthday. This leave allocation is in addition to UK Bank Holidays.



**Living Wage Employer plus 10%:** ESG Gaming is an accredited Living Wage employer. This guarantees a higher starting wage than the Government National Minimum wage. However ESG Gaming will go even further by guaranteeing to pay a further 10% above the Living Wage. This means for 2023/24, we'll pay a minimum of £13.14 per hour (Greater London) and £11.99 (Outer London). ESG Gaming has a pay ratio not exceeding 4:32 (£125,000 highest possible salary to a median salary of £28,908).



**Simply Health Membership:** Up to Level 5 cash-back plan will be offered allowing employees access to everyday physical health, mental wellbeing and dental & optical care. This includes 24/7 GP video appointments; telephone counselling; contribution to dental, optical and prescription costs and contribution to Physiotherapy, Osteopathy, Chiropractic, Acupuncture, Podiatry and Reflexology costs.

**Home working set up:** Office allowance to purchase desk and Humanscale chair. A new, high spec laptop (i.e Dell i7 XPS or higher), the latest android mobile phone (Samsung S23 or higher) and home printer will be issued to each employee. These items remain the property of ESG Gaming and will be listed on our asset register. A contribution to monthly home internet costs (not exceeding £60pcm) and an annual contribution to refreshments you consume at home while working, such as tea, coffee, juice (not exceeding £200pa). All employees will be allowed to work overseas for up to four weeks per year.

**Travel Expenses:** A Pleo Card to enable you to purchase cost-effective public transport, overseas travel and hotels as needed while working away from home. Additionally we pay a milage rate of 50p per mile where public transport isn't an option (such as attending an event where you are transporting large volumes of resources etc). The Pleo Card will be offered upon completion of your probation period.

**Four Day Week:** ESG Gaming is a recognised four-day week employer. So you will receive your full salary for a four day working week. Core working days are Monday – Thursday, but you will have flexibility on your working day to fit around home or family commitments.



**Job Share:** We love job-sharing at ESG Gaming and will be flexible with our approach to recruitment.

**Training:** Continuous Personal Development (CPD) plan with free external training and an opportunity to study for a fully-funded degree or masters upon successful competition of your probation period.



**Pension:** We will contribute up to 15% of your annual salary to your Pension scheme of choice.

**Offsetting your Carbon Emissions:** Through our partnership with Ecologi, you will have several options to offset your carbon emissions while travelling or using energy at home









Governance

#### **Code of conduct -**

Each Non-Executive Director, Advisort Group members and employee will discuss and agree the following declaration



I will respect and uphold the values of ESG Gaming and act in accordance with this Code of conduct and Behavioral Framework.

#### General



- I will support the objects and mission of ESG Gaming, championing it, using any skills or knowledge I have to further that mission and seeking expert advice where appropriate.
- I will be an active Non-executive director, Advisory Group member or employee, making my skills, experience and knowledge available to ESG Gaming and seeking to do what additional work I can do to support the organisation's vision.
- I will develop and maintain a sound and up-to-date knowledge of ESG Gaming and its environment. This will include an understanding of how ESG Gaming operates, the social, political and economic environment in which it operates and the nature and extent of its work.
- V I will use ESG Gaming resources responsibly, and when claiming expenses will do so in line with ESG Gaming procedures.
- I will seek to be accountable for my actions as a Non-executive director, Advisory Group member or employee of ESG Gaming, and will submit myself to whatever scrutiny is appropriate.
- I accept my responsibility to ensure that ESG Gaming is well run and will raise issues and questions in an appropriate and sensitive way to ensure that this is the case.

#### **Managing Interests**

- 🗸 I will not gain materially or financially from my involvement with ESG Gaming.
- I will act in the best interests of ESG Gaming as a whole.
- I understand that a failure to declare a conflict of interest may be considered to be a breach of this code.

#### **Meetings**



- 🗸 I will attend all appropriate meetings and other appointments at ESG Gaming.
- V I will prepare fully for all meetings and work for the organisation. This will include reading papers, guerying anything I do not understand, thinking through issues before meetings and completing any tasks assigned to me in the agreed time.
  - I will actively engage in discussion, debate and voting in meetings; contributing in a considered and constructive way, listening carefully, challenging sensitively and avoiding conflict.



I will help to identify good candidates for Non-Executive Directorship at the ESG Gaming and, with my fellow Non-Executive Directors, will appoint new Non-Executive Directors in accordance with agreed selection criteria.

#### **Relations With Others**

ideas for improvement with the board.

- and avoid giving offence.
- respect the difference between these roles.
- executive team.
- with organisational policy.

#### Leaving The Board

- V I understand that substantial breach of any part of this code may result in procedures being put in motion that may result in my being asked to resign from the Non-Executive Director board or Advisory Group.
- Should this happen I will be given the opportunity to be heard. In the event that I am asked to resign from the board I will accept the majority decision of the board in this matter and resign at the earliest opportunity.
- If I wish to cease being a Non-Executive Director or Advisory Group member of ESG Gaming at any time, I will inform the chair in advance in writing, stating my reasons for leaving.
- Employees I may be subject to disciplinary action for a substantial breach of this code and are subject to our Human Resources Policies.

Name:	
Signature:	
Date of Signature:	

V I will actively contribute towards improving the governance of the Non-Executive board, participating in induction and training and sharing



V I will endeavor to work considerately and respectfully with all those I come into contact with ESG Gaming. I will respect diversity, different roles and boundaries,

I recognize that the roles of Non-Executive Directors, Advisory Group members and employees of ESG Gaming are different, and I will seek to understand and

V I will seek to support and encourage all those I come into contact with at ESG Gaming. In particular, I recognise my responsibility to support the chair and the

Any public comments I make about ESG Gaming will be considered and in line







#### **Behavioral Framework**

The following behaviors form the essence of the role of Non-Executive Director, Advisory Group member or employee for ESG Gaming. These behaviors will be communicated to prospective people who wish to join ESG Gaming and form part of the recruitment material.

The behavioral framework should also form part of a regular behavioral review process and provide a base for training and development opportunities going forwards.

#### Ambassador, Advocate, Networker: For ESG Gaming and its work internally and externally

- Lives and breathes ESG Gaming's principles and values.
- Is visible, approachable and accessible to all, including Non-Executive Directors, Advisory Board, employees, Government, funders and supports.
- Proactively seeks opportunities to strengthen personal connections and bring these to ESG Gaming to help us deliver our mission.
- Galvanises networks, personal influence and position to further the profile and reputation of ESG Gaming.
- Is a passionate advocate of ESG Gaming; owns the message and seeks to communicate it.

#### Critical Friend: challenges to develop thinking and benefit social outcomes

- Analytical and critical thinking skills able to think around an issue and consider alternative interpretations.
- Open to challenge and able to communicate in a frank, honest and straightforward manner.
- Open to be challenged and is robust and reflective in response to constructive feedback.
- Adept at asking probing questions to uncover the underlying issues, reasons and motivations.
- Engages fully in debate which is targeted, efficient and purposeful.
- Has the courage to ask 'the silly guestion'.
- Uses feedback and straight-talk to drive high performance in a supportive manner.

#### Focus on the future: anticipates and embraces change to ensure continued improvement

- 🔨 Looks at the big picture, identifying patterns, trends and risks and grasps strategic opportunities.
- 🗸 Sets direction with clarity and confidence, mindful of external factors.
- Maintains a disciplined focus on what will deliver outcomes.
- Monitors the external environment and uses this knowledge to inform future direction.
- Thinks flexibly; is adaptable, creative and excited by innovation.
- Curious and inquisitive thinks laterally as well as long term.

#### Moniitor Evaluator: sets targets and monitors progress to ensure all are accountable

- Sets clear and measurable targets that will make a tangible difference.
- Contributes too and monitors performance against these targets.
- Is adept at scrutinising, interrogating and making sense of financial information.
- Works in a structured, efficient and productive manner.



- 🗸 Driven, dynamic and purposeful in driving progress forwards.
- Considers evidence and impact when weighing up the options.
- 🗸 Makes timely and proportionate decisions.
- 🗸 Contributes fully and enthusiastically to the decision making process.
- Proportionate in assessing and mitigating issues and risks.
- 🗸 Thinks independently as well as collectively; taking equal responsibility for impact and outcomes.

#### Supporter and Partner: acts as a true partner in pursuit of collective goals

- 🗸 Coaches and mentors fellow colleagues to maximise their potential.
- 🗸 Open and approachable gives time and a listening ear.
- 🖊 Role models a positive and can do presence in seeking to meet objectives.
- Offers and provides specialist and pastoral advice and guidance to others.
- Keeps communication channels open; communicates regularly to enhance profile, maintain presence and expand relationships.
- 🗸 Uses Discord as a smart communication tool and mindful of the over use of email.

#### **Individual Development Review**

Below is a proposed guide for use between the ESG Gaming Chair and individual colleagues to review individual performance and development opportunities against the agreed core ESG Gaming behaviours. Individuals and the Chair should think about how they would rate their behaviour on a descriptive rating scale (detailed below), discuss achievements and areas for development, and set personal objectives for the forthcoming year in line with the Board's values and strategic objectives.

Recommended process:

- 1. It is recommended that the Chair reviews progress on an annual basis with each colleague (circa 45 – 60 minutes per review).
- 2. The nature of the discussion should be developmental and not judgemental.
- 3. Both partities should prepare ahead of each meeting to ensure best insights into performance are gained.
- 4. Discussions will serve as a reminder of the values, behaviours and responsibilities that colleagues have signed up to in order to bring about successful outcomes for the organisation.
- 5. Paperwork should be formal and below offers a guide and can either be completed fully (providing a clear audit trail of discussions and development objectives), or simply as a general structure for discussions.





#### **Employee and Volunteer Development Review**

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Role:

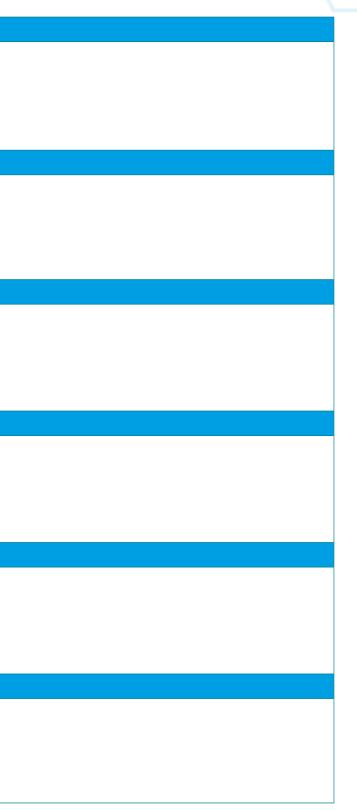
Date:

#### **Review against Behaviors**

Please provide an indication of performance across each of the behaviors below:

	Descriptor				
Behaviors	Highly Performing	Performing	Developing	Under Performing	
Ambassador, Advocate, Networker - for ESG Gaming organisation and its work internally and externally					
<b>Critical Friend -</b> challenges to develop thinking and benefit patient outcomes					
Focus on the future - anticipates and embraces change to ensure continued improvement					
Monitor Evaluator - sets targets and monitors progress to ensure all are accountability					
<b>Decision Maker -</b> makes judgments with confidence and ownership	/				
Supporter and Partner - acts as a true partner in pursuit of collective goals					
Achievements Comments					

These notes can be used to guide your review discussion and to ensure both parties get the most out of these discussions.







# Objectives for the year **Personal Objectives Collective Objectives** To be completed by Chair To be completed by colleague and chair jointly **Personal Aspirations Summary Comments**

#### **Rating Scale**

Rating	Description	Headline Actions
Highly Performing	The colleague consistently implements current good prac- tice, in some cases being a leading example of good practice	Ensure standards maintained Pursue new and innovative approaches
Performing	The colleague shows significant areas of good practice, though some need to be fine-tuned or altered	Some refinement required Build on existing positive practice Consider some new approaches
Developing	The colleague is improving its current practices but there are a number of aspects requiring rapid change	Keep up momentum on areas of improvement Need to identify and devise approaches to offer improvement opportunities
Under performing	The colleague has significant issues affecting its perfor- mance that need to be addressed as a matter of real urgency	Quick decisive change required Look outside for advice or help

#### **Professional Conduct: Nolan Principles**

A code of Professional Conduct is an agreed set of values outlining the expectations, responsibilities and practices for non-executive directors, Advisory Group members and employees to adopt. ESG Gaming will adopt the standards that came out of the Nolan Committee, which published Seven Principles of Public Life. The Nolan Principles form the basis of many codes of conduct, translated into contexts outside of the public sector, and have been adopted widely by Non-Executive Director and Non-Executive Boards across the Third Sector and Business.

**Selflessness:** Non-executive directors, Advisory Group members and employees of ESG Gaming should act solely in terms of public benefit. They should not act in order to gain financial or other benefits for themselves, their family or their friends.

**Integrity:** Non-executive directors, Advisory Group members and employees of ESG Gaming should not place themselves under any financial or other obligation to outside individuals or organisations that might seek to influence them in the performance of their role at ESG Gaming. Members will not accept any personal hospitality from the gambling or gaming sector (i.e. boxes at events, football tickets, personal travel etc).

**Objectivity:** In carrying out the business of ESG Gaming, Non-executive directors, Advisory Group members and employees should make choices based on merit.

Accountability: Non-executive directors, Advisory Group members and employees are accountable for their decisions and actions to their stakeholders and the public and must submit themselves to whatever scrutiny is appropriate to their role.

**Openness:** Non-executive directors, Advisory Group members and employees should be as open as possible about all the decisions and actions they take.

**Honesty:** Non-executive directors, Advisory Group members and employees should declare any private interests relating to their role and steps to resolve any conflicts arising in a way that protects the public benefit. A Register of Conflicts will be maintained and updated at each board or senior leadership team meeting and published on the ESG Gaming website.

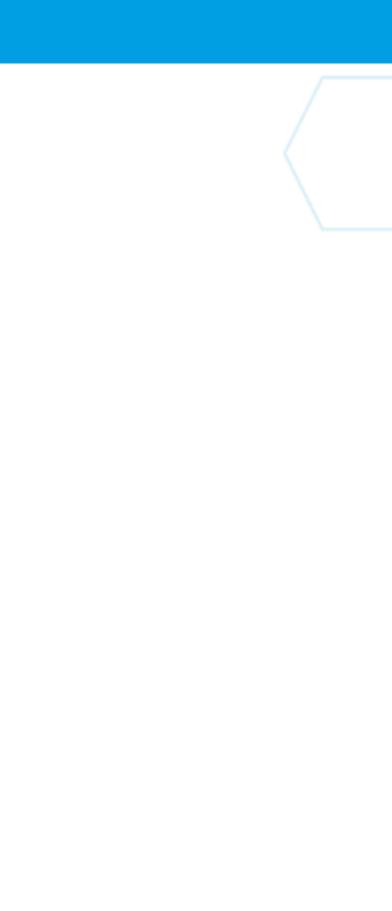
**Leadership:** Non-executive directors, Advisory Group members and employees should promote and support these principles by leadership and example.





We develop mutually beneficial solutions for the industry through research and lived

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