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Dear Member

Invite to the Annual General Meeting & Members' Conference

I am writing to invite you to this year's Annual General Meeting & Members' Conference which is being held at **Mercure Bristol Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol BS1 2EL**, on **Saturday 29 October 2016**. Accommodation can be booked directly with the hotel <https://www.uk-sands.org/about-us/membership/annual-general-meeting>. Details of alternative hotels will also be available on our website.

For those of you travelling to Bristol on the Friday and staying overnight, the Trustees would also like to invite you to an informal reception on Friday 28 October from 6.30pm to 8pm at Mercure Bristol Grand Hotel. This is an ideal opportunity to meet other Members, Trustees and our new CEO, Clea Harmer, so we do hope you will be able to join us.

The **AGM**, which will start at 9.30am on Saturday 29 October, will provide Members with an opportunity to hear from the Chair, Treasurer and Senior Leadership Group on progress we have made during the last year.

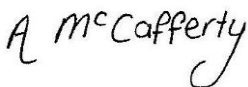
Our **Members' Conference** will run from 11.15am – 4.30pm and this year our theme will be how we work together to achieve our vision for 2020; this will provide an opportunity to explore what Sands would like to achieve by 2020 and how to reflect this in the development of the new 2017/2020 strategy. There will be opportunities to participate in workshops and discussion groups, as well as time to network with other Members, staff and Trustees.

Kindly return the attached Booking Form no later than **5pm Friday 7 October 2016** either by post to: **Company Secretary, Sands, Victoria Charity Centre, 11 Belgrave Road, London, SW1V 1RB** or email to company.secretary@uk-sands.org.

Those members on the current membership list will receive the official Notice of the AGM and the accompanying papers (including proxy voting papers for those unable to attend) in the third week in October. We therefore encourage all Members to **renew their membership by the 7 October**, to ensure that they receive personalised papers and voting cards prior to the AGM.

We look forward to hearing from you and to welcoming you to this year's AGM and Members' Conference.

Yours sincerely



Angela McCafferty
Chair, Board of Trustees

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