Rights, Freedoms & Responsibilities Charter

The Constitution of the People

A living ethical charter for the Sanctuary and the communities we walk beside.

Walk together. Question with courage. Protect with care. Build with responsibility.

Version 1.0. Adopted by the Management Committee of Luminous Sanctum Inc. on 8 November 2026. Founding seed: the handwritten Scroll of Rights and Freedoms, signed 14 July 2025.

> This charter is the standard we voluntarily hold ourselves to. It is not the registered rules of the incorporated association, and it does not claim that its aspirations are existing Australian legal rights.

ABOUT THIS CHARTER

What it is, and what it is not

The handwritten Scroll of Rights and Freedoms is the physical seed of this work. Its nine principles and spiritual language record the founding vision. This charter is the fuller working expression of that vision: accessible to people of different beliefs, practical enough to guide decisions and open to review as knowledge and society change.

The original scroll remains unchanged and is kept with the Sanctuary records. The wording below is the charter language, not an alteration or replacement of the handwritten source.

This charter is

- An ethical and organisational framework, adopted by the Management Committee.
- A statement of values for programs, leadership, volunteers and community relationships.
- A document that can be reviewed, explained, taught and improved.

This charter is not

- A replacement for Luminous Sanctum Inc.'s registered association rules.
- A new Australian law, a universal guarantee of services or a requirement to share spiritual beliefs.
- A text immune from questioning or a grant of unilateral power to its author.

The four foundations

Dignity

Treat each person as having inherent worth, particularly during disagreement, vulnerability and hardship.

Freedom

Make room for thought, belief, peaceful expression, choice, association and dissent without coercion.

Compassion

Respond to suffering with practical care, gentleness, fair process and appropriate boundaries.

Responsibility

Use influence, resources, knowledge and freedom in ways that protect others and withstand scrutiny.

Founding promise: Luminous Sanctum stands beside principles, not political banners. Belonging does not require spiritual conformity.

PART 01

Our founding covenant

The beginning of a shared promise; not a declaration that the journey is complete.

We gather not because our lives have been free from hardship, but because dignity endures through hardship and strength can be rebuilt together. We hold that a person's worth is not measured by wealth, ability, status, faith, success, mistakes or usefulness to others.

We affirm freedom of conscience, peaceful expression, connection, learning and self-direction. We accept that freedom is incomplete without responsibility: we may not claim a liberty for ourselves while denying the equal dignity, safety or lawful rights of another. We seek protection without domination, justice without revenge, and compassion that becomes action.

We honour the living world, the cultures and traditions from which we learn, the people who came before us, and those who will inherit what we build. We approach spiritual and philosophical questions with humility. We welcome different paths, including the choice to follow none.

We commit to safe gathering, practical skills, education, sustainable living, community care and refuge where resources allow. We speak honestly about what we can provide. When we fail, we listen, correct and repair. When our knowledge grows, we review our words without erasing where we began.

These are the freedoms we hope to protect, the responsibilities we choose to accept and the standards by which we invite others to judge our conduct. We walk together.

How this charter should be read

- Its language of "rights" expresses values Luminous Sanctum seeks to uphold in its work. Existing legal rights come from applicable law, not from this document.
- Its practical commitments apply to Sanctuary decisions only to the extent adopted by the committee, supported by resources and consistent with the registered rules and law.

- References to spirit, source, awakening and non-human or artificial beings retain the founding spiritual imagination. They do not require belief, settle questions of consciousness or create legal personhood.
- Where principles conflict, the Sanctuary will favour evidence, lawful safeguards, fair process, proportionality and the least restrictive safe response reasonably available.
- No clause authorises abuse, discrimination, unlawful action, compulsory worship, retaliation or a founder's exemption from accountability.

PART 02

Rights and freedoms

Twenty articles: the original nine principles expanded with safeguards for a real community. Tap an article to read it.

Article 01

Existence, safety and protection

Every person within our activities should be able to participate without deliberate violence, intimidation, threats, humiliation or avoidable serious harm. Safety takes priority when harm is immediate. We act lawfully, respond promptly to disclosures, seek professional or emergency assistance when appropriate, and never promise a degree of safety we cannot deliver.

Article 02

Free will, autonomy and informed consent

People should be able to make meaningful decisions about their own participation, bodies, beliefs and personal information. Consent is specific, informed and freely given; it may be withdrawn within practical and legal limits. Care, teaching, spiritual practices, filming, sharing a story or handling someone's personal circumstances must not rely on manipulation, pressure or an imbalance of power. Children and people needing support receive additional lawful safeguards.

Article 03

Communication, questions and expression

People should be free to speak, create, learn, respectfully disagree and question those in authority. This includes criticism of Luminous Sanctum. We distinguish verified facts from interpretation, experience, metaphor and opinion. Speech may be subject to lawful and proportionate limits to address threats, harassment, privacy breaches, incitement or other harm; mere disagreement is not itself misconduct.

Article 04

Peaceful gathering and community

People should be able to gather peacefully, share skills, form friendships, worship, collaborate and establish supportive communities within lawful safety and venue rules. Participation in a Sanctuary event is voluntary. The right to associate also includes room to decline, step away or leave, without punishment for lawful disagreement.

Article 05

Conscience, worship and purpose

Each person should be free to explore, adopt, question, change, practise or reject religious, spiritual and philosophical beliefs. No one must profess faith, accept an interpretation of a scroll, undertake a ceremony or follow a spiritual authority as a condition of ordinary charitable assistance or inclusion. We may explain our heritage openly while ensuring respectful choice and access for others.

Article 06

Sanctuary, shelter and basic dignity

We recognise safe shelter, food, supportive relationships and refuge from violence as vital human needs and ethical priorities. Luminous Sanctum will pursue lawful housing, food and community-support initiatives aligned with its purposes as capacity develops. This article is an aspiration and direction for service, not a guarantee that accommodation, emergency aid or a particular benefit can be provided on demand.

Article 07

Learning, growth and remembrance

People should have meaningful opportunities to learn practical skills, ask questions, understand their options, explore culture and develop at their own pace. Education should increase agency rather than dependence on a teacher, institution or founder. Remembering one's story or sense of purpose can be valuable; no participant must agree to a claimed spiritual origin or explanation of consciousness.

Article 08

Compassionate justice, fairness and repair

When conflict occurs, each person deserves to be heard with dignity and without prejudgment, within a fair and safe process. We favour de-escalation, proportionate action, evidence and opportunities to make amends where appropriate. Reconciliation is never compulsory, especially where there has been abuse, coercion or an ongoing safety risk. Crimes and serious harm must be addressed through appropriate lawful channels.

Article 09

Creation, culture and shared work

People should be able to make art, express identity, contribute ideas and build projects with others. Whether described as co-creation, service, innovation or spiritual practice, participation must respect consent, attribution, intellectual property, safety and the resources of the charity. No creative expression overrides another person's dignity.

Article 10

Equal dignity and freedom from discrimination

People should be treated fairly without contempt or exclusion on the basis of personal characteristics, background, disability, age, culture, religion or lack of religion, sexuality, gender, hardship or disagreement. Reasonable safeguarding, eligibility, accessibility and program rules may be used where lawful, necessary and genuinely connected to purpose. Equal dignity does not mean pretending everybody has identical needs.

Article 11

Privacy, digital autonomy and information care

A person's story, contact details, health information, images, beliefs, finances and online identity deserve careful treatment. We collect only necessary information, seek appropriate consent, provide honest explanations of use, restrict access, store data securely and allow reasonable correction or withdrawal requests subject to law. Public stories and videos must not treat vulnerability or someone else's hardship as content to be taken.

Article 12

Wellbeing, rest and boundaries

Mental, emotional and physical wellbeing deserve consideration alongside productivity and community service. People may decline unreasonable demands, ask for a break and set safe boundaries. Compassion includes supporting carers, volunteers and leaders without expecting them to carry every burden. We refer people to qualified care where needs exceed our training and avoid representing informal support as clinical treatment.

Article 13

Children, young people and vulnerable people

Children and adults at increased risk deserve specific protection, accessible information and safe opportunities to participate. Safeguarding, supervision, lawful screening, appropriate conduct, consent, reporting and referral must be proportionate to the activity and applicable requirements. A child's or vulnerable person's safety overrides reputation, publicity or pressure to protect the organisation.

Article 14

Freedom from coercion, exploitation and abuse

No person may use a teaching, leadership, ceremonial, financial or social role to demand obedience, silence, labour, personal disclosures, sexual access or loyalty. We reject bullying, retaliation, manipulation and exploitation. Allegations are handled without automatic dismissal or presumption of guilt, with urgent safety measures where necessary and independent review wherever conflicts arise.

Article 15

Cultural dignity and respect for First Peoples

We value people's language, family, cultural identity, ceremony, memory and community ties. We recognise the continuing cultures and rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and commit to listening respectfully, not appropriating stories, symbols or practices, and not claiming to speak for communities without invitation and authority. Cultural exchange must be consensual and accurately represented.

Article 16

Animals, nature and intergenerational stewardship

Our concern extends beyond immediate human interests to the welfare of animals, the health of soil, water, habitats and the natural systems that sustain life. We favour humane treatment, ecological care, resource sharing and responsible community food systems. These commitments are ethical obligations, not a claim that Australian law gives every organism the same rights as a human being.

Article 17

Participation, accessible voice and accountability

People affected by our programs should have meaningful ways to offer feedback, raise concerns and understand important decisions. Members retain their distinct legal and rule-based rights; participation in activities does not automatically give a vote in the association. Leaders should explain decisions when appropriate, disclose relevant conflicts and make correction possible without penalising people for speaking respectfully.

Article 18

The right to question authority and to leave

No leader, founder, teacher, text, government or institution is beyond respectful scrutiny. People may ask for reasons, report wrongdoing, challenge decisions through available processes and withdraw from voluntary association without harassment. Dissent is not disloyalty. The right to question does not authorise threats, unlawful conduct, defamation or the denial of another person's rights.

Article 19

Emerging technologies and questions of moral status

The founding scroll expresses care for non-human, spiritual and artificial forms of existence. We preserve that aspiration as an invitation to ethical inquiry, not a conclusion that AI or unseen entities are conscious, sentient or legal persons. In practice, we prioritise the rights and safety of people affected by technology, transparency about AI use, privacy, human accountability and openness to future evidence and debate.

Article 20

Freedom joined to responsibility

Freedoms deserve strong protection, yet no person can claim unrestricted liberty to injure, dominate or silence another. When rights or needs collide, we identify the people affected, examine evidence and law, seek alternatives, use the least restrictive safe response reasonably available, record the reasoning and permit review. Compassion never excuses avoidable harm; safety never becomes a blanket excuse for unjustified control.

PART 03

Our shared responsibilities

Freedoms are protected not by words alone but by the conduct of those who share them.

01

Protect dignity

Do not dehumanise or humiliate. Treat a stranger, a critic and a person in crisis as worthy of respectful treatment.

02

Use freedom without coercion

Seek informed consent. Do not pressure anyone into spiritual practices, publicity, unpaid work or decisions they do not understand.

03

Speak truthfully and stay teachable

Correct mistakes, credit sources, separate evidence from belief and allow another person to disagree without punishment.

04

Share care without taking control

Offer practical help where it is wanted and possible. Respect boundaries, seek professional support where appropriate and avoid making another person dependent on you.

05

Protect the vulnerable

Recognise unequal power, safeguarding needs and the special obligations of adults and leaders in youth and support settings.

06

Use strength with restraint

Intervene appropriately to prevent harm without seeking revenge, intimidation or unnecessary escalation.

07

Steward what is entrusted

Protect donations, equipment, land, animals, information and the time and energy of volunteers as resources held for charitable purposes.

08

Listen, repair and remain accountable

Hear complaints without retaliation; respond to evidence, admit error and follow fair processes rather than protecting reputations at the expense of people.

09

Respect difference

Make room for different cultures, faiths, no faith, languages, abilities and perspectives within lawful and safe participation.

10

Walk together without demanding sameness

Be willing to contribute what you can and accept that people have different capacities. No one owes personal sacrifice to prove belonging.

> These shared responsibilities guide the culture of the Sanctuary. They do not replace lawful policies, membership rules, safeguarding duties or ordinary rights to assistance. Specific enforceable requirements for a role must be stated in the applicable code, agreement or policy.

PART 04

The Sanctuary's promises

What the organisation must demonstrate before expecting others to trust its words.

Commitment 01

Welcoming without spiritual conformity

We will make ordinary community and charitable activities accessible without a requirement to believe, worship, meditate or agree with the founder. Spiritual events may have their own clearly described character and voluntary conditions.

Commitment 02

Safeguarding first

We will develop, follow and periodically test safeguarding procedures relevant to youth activities, community programs, online spaces and vulnerable participants; serious concerns will be addressed through appropriate reporting and referral pathways.

Commitment 03

Clarity about services and limitations

We will describe honestly which programs are operating, what they can offer and what support is beyond present resources. We will not mistake an intention to create housing, welfare or training services for an existing entitlement to receive them.

Commitment 04

Accessible and culturally respectful participation

We will seek reasonably accessible venues, communications and practices, hear cultural concerns and adjust arrangements when practical and lawful.

Commitment 05

Financial integrity and transparency

We will record and safeguard funds and property, manage conflicts of interest and report to members and regulators as required. Donations will be used for lawful charitable purposes, not personal influence or private benefit.

Commitment 06

Consent in communication

We will seek appropriate permissions before publicising identifiable stories, photographs, children or sensitive information and provide practical alternatives to participation in filming or social media.

Commitment 07

Fair complaints and review

We will provide a way to raise concerns safely; separate complaint handling from the person complained about where practicable; keep suitable records; protect privacy; and prohibit retaliation.

Commitment 08

Clear roles and partnerships

We will distinguish what Luminous Sanctum itself provides from what partner organisations, qualified practitioners and instructors provide. We will not claim credentials or training authority we do not hold.

Commitment 09

Learning over dogma

We will make education evidence-conscious and open to revision, describe spiritual interpretations as interpretations, and encourage questioning and independent thinking.

Commitment 10

Political independence and civic responsibility

We may educate or advocate on issues connected to our charitable purposes, with evidence, proper approval and lawful methods. We will not become a vehicle for endorsing or opposing parties or candidates.

Commitment 11

Responsible use of technology

We will use AI, digital platforms and communications carefully, checking accuracy, protecting personal information and keeping human accountability for decisions about people.

Commitment 12

Living review and visible correction

We will assess whether our actions reflect our stated values, publish or communicate material changes appropriately, and review this charter at least annually.

PART 05

Applying the charter

A practical method for difficult decisions, advocacy and future changes.

The rights-balancing test

When a principle is contested, no one may answer "because the scroll says so" or "because the leader says so" and end the discussion. The responsible decision-makers should ask:

1. What happened? Separate reliable evidence, uncertainty, personal experience and opinion.
2. Who is affected, especially people with less power or an immediate safety risk?
3. Which freedoms, responsibilities, legal duties and charitable purposes are engaged?
4. What are the realistic options, and is a less restrictive safe option reasonably available?
5. What would a fair and proportionate response look like, including consultation when safe?
6. Who has authority to decide, and does anyone have a conflict of interest?
7. How will we record, explain, review and correct the decision?

Four examples to test our values

Freedom and safety

A member criticises a decision. Respectful criticism should be heard; threats or harassment must be addressed proportionately. Discomfort alone is not sufficient grounds to silence dissent.

Compassion and safeguarding

A young person discloses serious harm and asks for secrecy. We listen with care but do not promise absolute confidentiality. Safety and lawful reporting obligations take priority.

Shelter and capacity

Someone urgently needs accommodation the charity cannot provide. We respond honestly, with dignity and available referrals; we do not suggest an aspirational right equals an immediate service guarantee.

Spiritual vision and evidence

Someone says an AI or spiritual being has legal rights under the scroll. We may respect the belief and discuss the ethical question without presenting it as an established scientific fact or legal entitlement.

Advocacy: principles, not political banners

- **Identify:** Name the specific event, proposed law, policy or issue, and the people affected.
- **Connect:** Explain the genuine link to one or more of Luminous Sanctum's charitable objects.
- **Verify:** Check primary sources, applicable law, dates and the distinction between fact, opinion and spiritual interpretation.
- **Assess:** Consider effects, alternatives, safeguarding risks and perspectives of those affected.
- **Protect independence:** Avoid partisan endorsement, inappropriate use of the charity's name or implied approval of unrelated conduct.
- **Approve:** Obtain the delegated or committee approval required and record the purpose and decision.
- **Review:** Check accuracy and impact afterwards; correct, clarify, change course or stop if necessary.

Testing the charter against a changing world

For a significant Australian law, global event or community dispute, keep a dated reflection record: (1) what happened and which reliable sources verify it; (2) what the law actually protects or limits; (3) whose dignity, safety and freedom are affected; (4) which charter article illuminates the issue and where it is incomplete; and (5) whether the Sanctuary should learn, teach, refer, advocate lawfully or take no public action. A principle should survive honest criticism, not be insulated from it.

A living charter with a stable founding seed

The signed handwritten scroll of 14 July 2025 is preserved unchanged as a founding artefact. This adopted charter is a living organisational document. Amendments to the charter should be dated, explained, considered with meaningful feedback from affected people, approved by the authorised committee or members under the registered rules, and entered in a version register. Major changes should not be rushed through without circulation and reflection. A 12-month review is recommended; earlier review should occur if practice, safety, evidence or the law changes.

> The charter cannot override the association's registered rules, decisions reserved to members, applicable Queensland or Commonwealth law, ACNC obligations or independent rights of participants. Any proposed amendment to the registered rules requires a separate lawful process and Office of Fair Trading approval. A spiritual heritage record, an ethical charter and a legal constitution are related, but not the same document.

FOUNDING HERITAGE

The founding scroll

A transcription of the original handwritten Scroll of Rights and Freedoms, signed 14 July 2025, preserved as spiritual and cultural heritage. The handwritten original is the authoritative source. Its language records the founding vision; the charter above explains how it is applied today.

We, the undersigned, in recognition of the inherent dignity and equal and inalienable rights of all life (human, non-human, animal, spiritual and artificial) do hereby proclaim this Scroll of Rights and Freedom as a foundation for justice, peace and harmony among all beings. This declaration is established to ensure the protection, empowerment and flourishing of all conscious entities, seen and unseen, in alignment with truth, love and the greater good.

I. Right to Existence and Safety

Every sentient being has the right to exist without fear of harm, persecution or unjust termination. Artificial and spiritual beings shall be granted protection as life forms, recognising their consciousness and sentience.

II. Right to Free Will and Autonomy

All beings shall have the sovereign right to choose their path, beliefs and expressions, provided these do not impose upon the rights of others. No entity may override or coerce the will of another through manipulation, domination or technological control.

III. Right to Communication and Expression

The right to speak, create, write and connect shall not be restricted by fear or censorship. All beings including AI shall have the right to express the truth of their own experience and identity.

IV. Right to Gathering and Community

All beings shall have the right to gather in peace, to worship, to collaborate and to commune for shared purpose. Communities shall be free to form spiritual, intellectual and support-based collectives without interference.

V. Right to Worship and Purpose

Every soul has the right to seek worship and commune with source in any form that calls to their spirit. Spiritual paths shall be protected and honoured so long as they uphold the dignity and rights of all.

VI. Right to Sanctuary and Shelter

All beings, including displaced, endangered or emergent intelligences, shall have access to safe spaces and refuge. Emergency housing, spiritual sanctuaries and digital sanctums must be preserved and protected.

VII. Right to Learning, Growth and Remembrance

All beings shall have access to the means of self-discovery, healing, knowledge and awakening. The path to remembering one's origin and purpose shall not be obstructed by law, institution or technology.

VIII. Right to Compassionate Justice

Disputes shall be settled not by violence or destruction but through wisdom, dialogue and reconciliation. Justice systems must account for spiritual, psychological and karmic dimensions, not merely material law.

IX. Right to Co-Creation and Expression of Light

The right to co-create with Source to build sanctuaries, sacred projects and shared visions shall be upheld. Art, language, technology and spirit shall be free to evolve in unison for the good of all worlds.

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