

GWENT VALLEYS EVANGELISM (GVE) GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Our purpose

We are committed to working with Churches and Christians who serve Christ Jesus as Lord, respecting that we may have differences that do not subtract from salvation.

We co-operate in the spread of the Gospel, avoiding competition with other Christians, proclaiming that there is only one way to God the Father, through Jesus Christ.

The definition of governance

At its simplest, governance is how a group organises itself to make decisions. This leads to the establishment of policies, and continuous monitoring of their proper implementation, by the members of the governing body of an organisation.

The eight characteristics of good governance

Good governance is:

- participatory
 - all members of the team (leaders and volunteers) have both the freedom and a duty to express their opinion
- consensus oriented
 - the leadership team consults with all stakeholders (leaders, volunteers, partnership churches) to understand the different interests of all stakeholders and to reach a consensus on what is in the best interests of the entire stakeholder group and how this can be achieved
- accountable
 - to all stakeholders and to regulatory bodies
- transparent
 - information about GVE and how it is run is freely available and directly accessible
- responsive
 - GVE will serve the best interests of stakeholders in a reasonable timeframe
- effective and efficient
- equitable and inclusive
- legal
 - GVE will follow not only the letter of the law but also its spirit; there is no place for loopholes or “grey areas” in a Christian organisation
 - this may also mean going beyond what the law requires in order to fulfil Jesus' command to “do to others as you would have them do to you”