



Gresham College Giving Circle Charter

Mission Statement:

The Gresham College giving circle exists to foster collaborative philanthropy in support of Gresham College's mission of providing free education for all, while building and sustaining an engaged community of donors committed to shared learning and horizon expanding education.

Purpose :

The giving circle brings together philanthropic partners to pool resources, contribute ideas and collectively advance Gresham College's educational initiatives. Through collaborative giving, supporters amplify their individual impact and help shape the future of accessible education.

Operational Model:

The giving circle operates as a hosted giving circle under Gresham College's charitable status. This model maintains an approach that honours the College's original mission of shared learning while adapting to contemporary needs and opportunities.

It is crucial to note that participation in the giving circle does not confer to any sort of legal membership, stake or decision-making rights in Gresham College's assets, activities or operations.

Core Values and Principles:

The Gresham Giving Circle is shaped by a shared commitment to values that reflect the spirit of Gresham College and the generosity of our supporters. These guiding principles underpin our mission and define how we grow, engage, and create impact together.

- **Freedom of Thought and Expression**
We promote open dialogue and diverse perspectives, empowering our supporters to drive change through shared learning.
- **Academic Rigour and Transparency**
Rooted in centuries of excellence, we ensure evidence-based, transparent stewardship that builds donor trust and demonstrates real impact.

- **Inclusive Engagement**
We embrace diversity and strive to create a welcoming space where all voices are heard and valued.
- **Public Access and Innovation**
We believe in the power of free, accessible knowledge and invest in new ways to engage and inspire through public learning.

Decision Making Protocol:

Gresham College values the community spirit fostered by its supporters. While the collective enthusiasm of this community is deeply appreciated, all decisions regarding funding allocations and strategic direction rest solely with the internal Gresham College team.

The circle activities will be reviewed annually to assess the effectiveness, measure impact and identify opportunities for improvement, with feedback informing strategies from the supporters.

Social Accountability:

- **Primary accountability**
The circle's foremost responsibility is to Gresham College's mission of providing free education and its beneficiaries. All activities are aligned and contribute directly to the charitable objectives of the College.
- **Secondary accountability**
Accountability extends to circle supporters and the broader philanthropic community, through transparency in impact reporting and information communications.
- **Regulatory accountability**
All the activities comply with Charity Commission regulations and fundraising standards, operating strictly within Gresham College's charitable status.

Supporter Eligibility and Participation Guidelines:

The circle is open to all who share the values and meet the minimum annual commitment. Supporters are expected to contribute at least the agreed minimum annual donation each year, to maintain active status.

Circle Levels and Benefits

Circle Level	Annual Contribution	Benefits
Friends of Gresham	£120-£499	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive early registration access to our prestigious annual Sir Thomas Gresham Lecture and other special events • Updates on the impact of your support • Receive a Gresham College branded token of appreciation – a small symbol of the difference you make • Enjoy a 15% discount on venue hire at Barnard's Inn Hall, a historic space where ideas have flourished for centuries
Gresham Circle	£500-£4999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be invited to private gatherings at Gresham College where ideas are exchanged and your impact is celebrated • Receive early registration access to our prestigious annual Sir Thomas Gresham Lecture and other special events • Be recognised in our annual Impact Report, showcasing the collective power of our leadership supporters • Receive a Gresham College branded token of appreciation – a small symbol of the difference you make • Enjoy a 15% discount on venue hire at Barnard's Inn Hall, a historic space where ideas have flourished for centuries • Join a community of leadership supporters who are committed in advancing free, lifelong learning for all.
Provost's Court	£5000+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be invited to private gatherings at Gresham College where ideas are exchanged and your impact is celebrated • Take part in behind-the-scenes gatherings with the Provost,

		<p>Executive Director, or Gresham College academics – a unique opportunity to share in our mission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive early registration access to our prestigious annual Sir Thomas Gresham Lecture and other special events • Be recognised in our annual Impact Report, showcasing the collective power of our leadership supporters • Receive a Gresham College branded token of appreciation – a small symbol of the difference you make • Enjoy a 15% discount on venue hire at Barnard's Inn Hall, a historic space where ideas have flourished for centuries • Join a community of leadership supporters who are committed in advancing free, lifelong learning for all.
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Legal & Regulatory Information

Gresham College is a member of the Fundraising Regulator and abides by the Code of Practice and is committed to upholding the [Fundraising Promise](#).

Registered Charity Number: 1039962

If you have any questions, please email the Head of Fundraising and Engagement on C.Blakeway-Phillips@gresham.ac.uk or call +44(0) 7827 068129