

CORE STANDARDS OF STAMMA COMMUNITIES

Lay the groundwork for fun, safe and successful meetings.



We've devised these core standards to make sure each community is safe, runs effectively and feels well-supported and in line with [STAMMA's vision and mission](#), and that everyone is signed up to some basic principles and actions.

I/We..... agree to the following;

- I/We agree to create an inclusive environment, so that every member or visitor feels confident to share their experiences, incl. therapy and interventions without judgement; so that no-one feels the need to hide their stammer to be accepted, and where every member can choose whether to stammer openly or use strategies to control it.
- I/We agree to create a safe, non-judgemental space for members to share their experiences with the group.
- I/We agree to respect every member and not tolerate abusive or discriminatory language or behaviour.
- Information presented should be evidence-based, and the language used to describe stammering should be neutral and unbiased. I/We agree to not advise on therapies or treatments. We understand that some members may wish to practise techniques. This is fine but should not be pushed onto other members.
- Communities should only present therapies or treatments which offer realistic expectations of change and NOT a cure. If your group is specifically linked to a type of therapy, or linked with a speech and language therapy clinic, this should be clearly signposted in all your advertising and promotion.
- I/We agree to follow the [STAMMA editorial guidelines](#) for talking about stammering.
- I/We have the following policies in place: (Email communities@stamma.org for templates of the following policies.)
 - Code of Conduct
 - Safeguarding
 - Privacy & Data Protection
 - Health & Safety
- I/We accept responsibility for making the Code of Conduct and all policies available to the members and to carry out risk assessments as required.
- I/We agree to consult with STAMMA regarding the use of their branding, keep to the brand guidelines and for social media and communications to be in line with [STAMMA's vision and mission](#).
- I/We will encourage members to also be members of STAMMA.
- I/We will ensure that the information about the community displayed on STAMMA's website is up-to-date and the description includes a reflection of the motivation and activities of the group. I/We agree to inform STAMMA of any changes in a timely manner.

Name of your group:	
Name of primary contact:	
Email specific to group:	
Primary contact email address:	
Primary contact phone number:	

About your group

Tell us about your community (150 words max): Is it self-help/peer support; formal or social? Is it a network of employees from a particular profession or a company? What do you do at a typical meeting? Do you talk about how you've been getting on, practise speaking situations, discuss topics, or just meet up for drinks or an activity?

How did you meet? <i>(Please circle)</i>	Online	In person	Hybrid <i>(both online and in person)</i>
If in person, where do you usually meet?			
When do you meet?			

Please email us a photo you'd like us to use on our website if you and your members feel comfortable. The higher the resolution the better. You can also send us a photo of a local landmark or an image representative of your group.

X (Twitter):	
Facebook:	
Instagram:	
Other:	
Signed:	
Print Name:	
Date:	

Please return this form and relevant attachments to communities@stamma.org