

# Guild of Guides NL | Meeting #4 | Zoom | March 16, 2020

Attendance: Miriam, Daan, Marta, Ciara, Soorena (notes), Luc, Amanda, Nicolitsa, Hilde (Guided Tripping), Guillaume, Ellen, .... (see video recording!)

## 1. Purpose of Meeting?

- a. Code of Ethics
- b. Membership types & requirements (proposal - input for bylaws/statuten)
- c. Finances: cost of registering the association & regular membership fees
- d. Documents / Resource Sharing
- e. Next actions/planning

## 2. Key Insights / Decisions / Perspectives

- a. Everyone has finished their last retreat for the foreseeable future. The new **corona virus** has a huge impact on all our businesses.
- b. Be aware of your zoning policies; residential, business, or personal care/service-providing.
- c. If using the word 'psilocybin', link it to a medical paper. But don't advertise it for its medical potential, since we're using truffles, not medical grade psilocybin. We also don't offer the type of psilocybin assisted therapy as in the research, so can't claim that we would have similar results.
  - i. Definitely don't advertise LSD / MDMA.
  - ii. Careful with the use of the word 'therapy'
    - You're opening yourself up to liability under medical law.
- d. James Fadiman and the original Guild members we spoke to are okay with us using the name Guild of Guides.
- e. **Tripsitting Online? Addition to Code of Ethics.**
  - i. In Dutch law, as soon as there is a 'guidance' agreement, the therapist is responsible for all that happens. Online, you can't make sure the client doesn't just leave.
  - ii. For now, let's consider it unethical. Unavailability of touch can be retraumatizing.
  - iii. Presence in the room is necessary.
  - iv. **Vote: those in attendance agree to add an article to this effect to the Code of Ethics.**
- f. **Requirements to become a GoG member?**
  - i. Personal Experience with Truffles
  - ii. Paper-work for showing credibility-creating competency claims (university, shaman, etc. etc.)

- iii. Accountability via community.
  - 'The Community' is the Guides
- iv. Back to the drawing board: the document that was presented is unfinished and caused a lot of unclarity. The website will provide a platform for members to co-create these requirements over the next year.
- v. For now, adhering to the Code of Ethics is the only requirement for membership.
- vi. Membership fees will be decided on later. Donations for notary fee and website welcome in the meantime.
- g. Important
  - i. Work within the law.
  - ii. Work complimentary with existing modalities, like psychology.
  - iii. Having a regulation around how to receive feedback/complaints from clients?

### **3. Action Items**

- a. Board will update the Code of Ethics and get to work on website.
- b. There is a google drive where members can share documents, e.g. contracts, intake forms, protocols, waivers.
- c. Soorena will begin momentum on the Community Error Log.