

Related Biodynamic Activities Policy

These are guidelines for activities where a connection to the Bio Dynamic Farming and Gardening Association is stated claimed or implied. Adopted by Council of the Bio Dynamic Farming and Gardening Association on 11 January 2013

These are guidelines to be used to assess any activity where a claim or impression of approval by the Association is made or could exist

1. The Council of the Association will have the opportunity to assess the activity before any public statements are made about any connection between the Association and the activity.
2. The Association's publications, including *Harvests*, *FiveHundredFootNote*, *Ruminations*, and *Calendar* may publish limited information (such as contact and event information) at the discretion of the Secretary even if this process has not been completed.
3. The Secretary, in exercising the above discretion will take care to ensure that such publication does not appear to be an endorsement.
4. Those responsible for the activity will supply information about the activity to enable the Council to assess it, with a view to Council making a decision as to whether and how the Association will be associated with the activity.
5. Where Council agrees to endorse an activity in any way, it may, if it sees fit, publish a statement of the Association's position in relation to the activity and the extent of the endorsement.
6. The information about the activity in a published statement will be as agreed between the Council and those responsible for the activity.
7. If the Council and those responsible for the activity cannot agree on statements for publication, Council may decline to associate the Bio Dynamic Farming and Gardening Association with the activity.
8. The governance of the activity and the nature of any governing entity will be clear. They and the competence of those involved will be able to be disclosed to the public.
9. The nature of the activity itself will be correctly represented to the public.
10. The Council will consider whether the activity is a good example of its type, and may decline recognition if it is not.
11. There are some activities that could be Demeter or organically certified. These include farming and processing of farm products. In such cases, if the activity is
 - (a) claimed to biodynamic, it will normally be Demeter certified, and
 - (b) claimed to be organic, it will normally have a recognised organic certification.
12. Where the activity would normally be certified, but nevertheless is not certified, Council may ask for evidence of consistency with Demeter certification guidelines or consistency with organic standards and principles.
13. Where the activity would not normally be certified it will nevertheless be carried out as far as possible in ways consistent with the requirements and principles of the Demeter standards
14. Council may at its discretion allow the use of biodynamic or organic claims in some cases that would otherwise not fit these guidelines because the venture is uncertified but will normally make visible the lack of certification to the members of the Association or the public.
15. The management and governance of activities that seek endorsement will be clear and truthful about their intent. The intent, activities and outcomes will not undermine the purpose/mission of the Association.
16. Where any money is given by the Association or any person or funding body, that money will be used by those responsible for the activity only as has been represented to the donors.

Where a change of purpose or expenditure is proposed, permission will be obtained from the donors or their money will be refunded.

- 17.** Council may delegate such of its responsibilities in these matters as it sees fit.
- 18.** Correspondence about the recognition of an activity by Council will normally be via the Association office.
- 19.** The activity will not create any liability for the Association without the express approval of the Council
- 20.** Where those responsible for an activity have not asked for Council endorsement or have not supplied information to the satisfaction of Council, or have supplied information that shows the activity should not be endorsed by the Association, or cannot come to an agreement with Council about publication, Council may decline to endorse the activity and may publicise the facts of the matter.