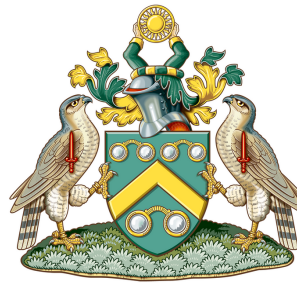


Our members are united under a common mission: to support better vision for all.

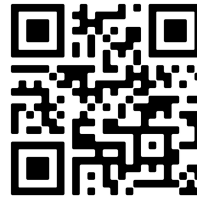
The Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers (WCSM) was founded in 1629, making us the oldest independent optical body in the world. We are a City Livery Company, one of the original trade bodies of the City of London. These companies still play a major role in the governance of the City as well as giving over £67m to charities at home and internationally each year.

In 1629 spectacles were the revolutionary technology, and those who chose to learn the trade of 'spectacle making' were the visionaries of their time. The WCSM regulated this new technology and played a leading role in the foundation of several optical regulatory bodies.

Today, there are many different ways to improve and treat vision and that is reflected in the modern-day membership of our Company. At the latest count, we had more than 30 different professions represented within the Company.



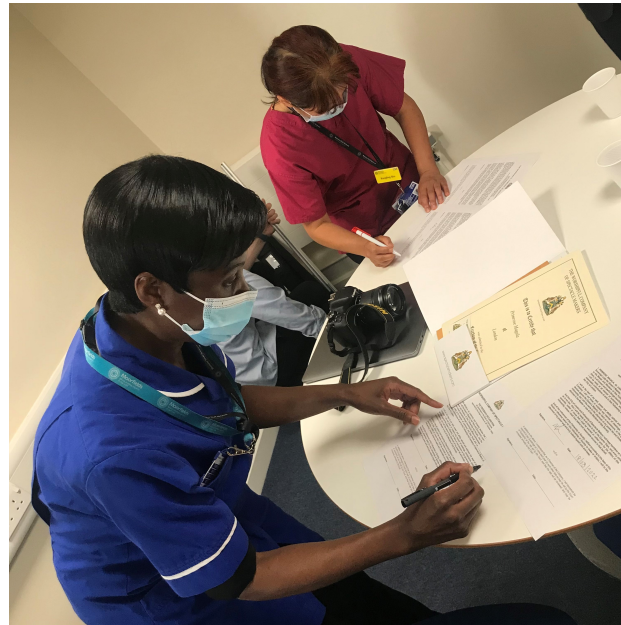
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# Why Join?

## Networking

- We are the voice of optics in the City.
- We value the ability to work across disciplines. We are apolitical, independent and globally-minded.
- With 1,000 Company members across the world, all professionals are welcome, optical and non-optical.
- Liverymen are entitled to vote for the election of the City's two Sheriffs and the Lord Mayor, helping to shape City of London policy and trade.
- With the Health Liveries we work to build awareness of health issues.

## Events

- We operate from the prestigious Apothecaries' Hall, built in 1670. Quarterly lunches are held here which are a unique blend of tradition and celebration.
- Members are invited to exclusive ceremonial occasions within the City of London, including the Annual Livery Dinner.
- The **Spectacle Makers' Society** offers fellowship through an informal programme of social events and trips. There is a great mix of people from all ages and backgrounds, with friends and family welcome to many events.

## Give Back

- **The Spectacle Makers' Charity** is a grant-giving charity aiming to help those with vision impairment and their families and support the next generation of optical professionals through bursaries and awards.
- It contributes around £70,000 each year in the UK and abroad, with a focus on transparency, impact reporting and efficiency.
- WCSM encourages research in the visual sciences by awarding medals each year and sponsors periodic lectures in vision science.



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# How to Join?

## Eligibility

You can apply for membership by right if you hold a recognised optical qualification, gained in any country of the world. You can also apply through recommendation (contact the Clerk for more information) or by patrimony, if one of your parents was a Freeman of the Company at the date of your birth.

## Progression

New members join as Freeman. You must be a Freeman of both the Company and of the City of London to be considered for admission to the Livery. Liverymen are encouraged to play a full part not only in the life of the Company but also in the ceremonial life of the City of London.

## Apply

The Clerk can explain the process and provide more information about the Company. We are known as a very friendly Company and you will find us keen to get to know you.

Find our application forms on our website or get in touch via the contact information overleaf.