

## **Community Interest Statement**

Gags for Good CIC will carry on its activities for the benefit of people across the United Kingdom who experience social isolation, low confidence, or mental health challenges, and those who face barriers to social participation.

Beneficiaries include individuals with mental health difficulties, people with low confidence or limited social connections, prisoners and ex-offenders, children and young people, and others who would benefit from increased confidence, inclusion and wellbeing through creative and comedic expression.

## Our activities will include:

- Comedy for Confidence workshops building self-esteem, resilience and communication skills for people experiencing mental health difficulties or social isolation.
- Creative sessions in prisons and probation settings supporting rehabilitation through comedy and storytelling.
- Inclusive, low-cost community comedy nights promoting social inclusion and giving under-represented performers a platform.
- **Training and mentoring programmes** developing transferable skills in communication and teamwork.
- **Volunteering opportunities** building confidence and employability through active participation.
- Partnerships with charities, schools and social enterprises extending our reach to disadvantaged groups.
- **Annual Comedy Festival** showcasing diverse talent, building community pride, and supporting social inclusion.

If the company makes any surplus, it will be used to further the company's community purposes by funding additional comedy workshops, community events, and training opportunities that improve confidence, wellbeing and inclusion for our beneficiaries. A reasonable proportion may be held in reserve to ensure sustainability. Any remaining surplus not required for these purposes will be donated, with the consent of the CIC Regulator, to another asset-locked body with similar aims.