



Building Together: Getting Started

Building Together is a practical framework that harmonises the Members' Pathway and Archway booklets into a 'One Journey, One Organisation' membership approach, aligning with the UGLE/SGC Strategy. It sets out the expectation that candidates are joining Freemasonry which includes the Craft degrees **and** the Royal Arch.



The **Building Together Digital Quick Start Guide** is an interactive online booklet that provides the Craft and Royal Arch with clear, practical steps towards making meetings enjoyable, increasing retention and building sustainable, vibrant Units.

The interactive Building Together guide can be downloaded from <https://solomon.ugle.org.uk/> or accessed from the QR Code below.

The Quick Start Guide should be regarded as a tool kit and like any tool kit it is not practical to use all the tools at one time. Start by identifying where your Lodge or Chapter needs the most help and concentrate on the task that will result in the greatest rewards for your efforts.

We recommend that all Lodges and Chapters start with the following three tasks as they will help you to quickly identify those areas that you do well, and others that could be improved on for the benefit of all the members of your Lodge / Chapter.

1. **Prepare a Lodge /Chapter Information sheet:** this provides information for a prospective member and can also assist you to explain about your Lodge or Chapter. Simplified guidance to help with this task is available on the Provincial website.
2. Carry out a **review** of the health of your Lodge or Chapter using the **Review Tool** available on the Provincial Website. This will highlight those areas that you do well and those that you could look at to improve.
3. Prepare a **Succession Plan** of the Lodge or Chapter Officers. If Past Masters or Past Principals are occupying progressive offices on a regular basis it suggests that you may want to understand why some members may not want to progress through the offices. If you are in this situation please do not pressurise those members into taking office. Experience shows that members pressurised into office resign in under 3 years. Blank succession plans are available on the Provincial Website.



All documents are available on

Provincial Grand Lodge Website: <http://www.devonshirefreemasons.org.uk/building-together>

Provincial Grand Chapter Website: www.devonshirehra.org.uk

Remember you are not alone, if you need any help in implementing **Building Together** or there is something you do not understand please contact mentoring@devonshirefreemasons.org.uk