

Membership Forum

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Q – Can a member, not the tours or activity officer of a club organise an activity for the members?

A – It is usual for the delegated officer to organise activities for the members. Such events need to meet the approval of the Committee of Management to ensure financial management and to be recognised as an **'official activity of the club'** to be eligible for PCSP Public Liability and Money Cover insurance.

Q. Is it the right procedure or fair for a tour organizer on a Probus tour to be given one or even more free places as a 'reward' for organizing the tour?

A. Some travel companies, airlines and coach lines do offer free tickets (FOC or FAMILS) to tour leaders.

There is nothing in the constitutional documents of Probus clubs to preclude acceptance of free tickets (unless the club has made provision in it's own by-laws or passed a Standing Resolution).

Most Probus clubs being given free tickets on such organized club tours like to share the value of the free ticket equally among all members of the tour party by way of a fare discount.

A club resolution is the simplest way to resolve this matter in accordance with the wishes of the members.

FOC – free of charge

FAMIL – Familiarisation trip

The elected position of tour leader is a voluntary position not a paid position.