

European Union Of Yoga – (Brussels directives)

- training to be 500 hours on a 4 Year course
- OR 220 hours with additions to make it up to 500 hours.

Government Legislation

- Government has awarded the BW the right to act as the Governing Body for Yoga in the UK. For the past 10 years it has been doing this, but more focusing on internal development than on interacting with other schools.
- Due to Brussels Directives, all teachers now to be on the Register of Exercise Professionals (REPS) a body set up by the Government to come in effect from 2008 (affecting surgeries, sports centres, schools, hospitals, Adult Education, & other Council affiliations) BWY is the only current way for teachers names to appear on the register in the UK through their accreditation courses both individual & entire schools. The BW pass on the collated info of names to REPS.
- The UK Government Education dept have sanctioned the BWY to do this as the governing body.

BWY as a Governing Body - Accredited Schools @ 30/9/04

- Satyananda School & Mandala School (who are a subsidiary of satyananda)
- Vini yoga (Association of Yoga Studies)
- Scottish Yoga Teachers Association
- Heart Yoga (Jenny Beacon)
- Soon coming in also are – Tri Yoga & The Life Centre.

Procedure for schools recognition.

- Application form sent to Wendy Haring
- If she passes it, it is sent to the executive committee. (Fee £100)
- Two visits from the executive committee to teacher training courses to look at suitability and that standards are being met. (costing £500)
- Plus one visit every three years to assess maintaining of standards.
- Student teachers on the course to be accredited pay an initial fee of £55(registration fee) plus an annual membership fee of £45.50 (which also includes insurance)

Individual Teachers seeking Accreditation

- Each individual teacher can do an individual ‘Integration Course’ which takes a year (60 hours) and costs £800 to get BW recognition. Includes mandatory joining of the BW.

The Yoga Fellowship.

- A Yoga Fellowship has come into existence (set up fully with the approval of all BWY Executive committee members) whose meetings are currently attended by BWY (Wendy Haring) Iyenga Association, Yoga for Health & Friends Of Yoga (FRIOG) set up fully with the approval of BWY Executive committee members. It was set up as a forum where large organisations could get together and discuss common problems. Wendy says “ I can't say yet that the other organisations agree to an accreditation process, this will be discussed at our next meeting in December, but I do know that their teachers would not want to join BWY as members.”
- Wendy Haring is currently the UK Accredited Groups Officer & Foundation Course Officer and may be taking on the post of Diploma Course Tutor Training Officer (if Voted in).
- These fellowship members agree to an accreditation process, but not to members needing to become members of BW.
- A new chair person Heather will be taking over soon & possible changes within the current structure & procedures may happen, but its thought it may not happen for a while as it would be a fundamental change in the structure of the current BW policies.

Main Areas of Needed Development within our TT

- Professional Side of Teaching including course plans & lesson plans
- Safety
- Hours to comply more with ashram hours of 200 per TT

The British Yoga Teachers Association (BYTA)

- Founded by Swami Saradananda, the BYT has been set up to share resources, network and to provide support and encouragement to teachers. Also on its agenda, is the growing concern with the new legislation, so they are currently working towards bringing teachers of schools together with the hope that a more open and inclusive recognition of Yoga Teachers be born. From this a set of standards could come into being arisen from the joint wisdom and agreement of all the Yoga Schools in the UK. This also displays respect & acknowledgment for all the schools as well as meeting the new directives we are all about to adhere to.