

## **Guidelines: IBMT and local International Brigade groups**

The IBMT very much welcomes and is keen to support the work of independent local memorial groups that share our aim of keeping alive the memory and spirit of the volunteers who went to Spain. These groups may – and are encouraged – to affiliate to the IBMT (at the appropriate affiliation rate for regional or branch organisations). This offers a number of advantages, as affiliated groups are able to:

- a) declare their IBMT affiliation on letterheads and publicity material;
- b) purchase items of IBMT merchandise at discount prices for resale;
- c) receive multiple copies of the IBMT Magazine and the IBMT eNewsletter;
- d) exercise membership rights as laid down in the IBMT constitution.

Please note that affiliated groups will be:

- a) expected to encourage IBMT membership among their supporters, for which they will be supplied on request with IBMT recruitment leaflets;
- b) responsible for raising, managing and spending their own finances (except any money raised with the authority of the IBMT Executive Committee for or in the name of the IBMT, which will be the property of the IBMT).

As the IBMT is a registered charity, an independent local group cannot use the name or acronym of the International Brigade Memorial Trust in its own name.

The IBMT also welcomes and encourages meetings organised and chaired by IBMT Executive Committee members with local or regional IBMT supporters as a useful means of communication and promoting and organising commemorative projects. Where there is more than one IBMT Executive Committee member in a particular region, they must all be invited to an IBMT supporters' meeting in that region.

N.B. Please remember that IBMT supporters' groups or meetings can submit recommendations for action to the Executive Committee, but they cannot take decisions or raise or hold funds in the name of the IBMT without being authorised to do so by the IBMT Executive Committee.