

CastleDAO Founder Residency Terms & Conditions

Slane Castle, Co. Meath, Ireland 24 August – 6 September 2026

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1. Introduction

These Terms & Conditions ("**Terms**") govern participation in the CastleDAO Founder Residency (the "**Residency**"), a two-week, application-based programme for founders, engineers, and operators, hosted at Slane Castle and the surrounding grounds, Co. Meath, Ireland, from 24 August to 6 September 2026.

The Residency is organised by Gutofloodo Ltd ("**CastleDAO**", "**We**", "**Us**"). By applying to, being accepted onto, or attending the Residency, you ("**Participant**", "**You**") agree to be bound by these Terms.

If you do not agree to these Terms, please do not apply to or attend the Residency.

2. Application & Selection

2.1 Attendance is by application only, submitted via the official application form. Submitting an application does not guarantee a place.

2.2 CastleDAO selects Participants at its sole discretion, based on criteria including (without limitation) the applicant's project, experience, and fit with the cohort. CastleDAO is not obliged to give reasons for declining an application.

2.3 Places are limited to approximately eighty (80) Participants per day across the cohort.

2.4 An offer of a place is not final until you have received written confirmation of acceptance from CastleDAO and, where applicable, completed any required confirmation steps (e.g. booking in the bookings.castledao.ie website, signed waiver, accommodation booking).

2.5 CastleDAO reserves the right to withdraw an offer or revoke an acceptance at any time prior to the start of the Residency, including where information provided in an application is found to be inaccurate or misleading.

2.6 The Residency is open only to applicants who are 18 years of age or older at the time of the Residency.

3. Fees & Payment

3.1 Participation in the Residency is free of charge to accepted Participants. CastleDAO does not charge a participation fee.

3.2 Accommodation at Rock Farm, Slane is optional, booked and paid for separately by the Participant via the link provided upon acceptance. CastleDAO is not the accommodation provider and accepts no liability for the accommodation booking, pricing, cancellation terms, or conditions offered by Rock Farm. Any dispute regarding accommodation should be directed to Rock Farm directly.

3.3 Travel to Ireland and to the general Slane area is the Participant's own responsibility and cost.

3.4 CastleDAO will organise a bus transfer between Rock Farm and Slane Castle for Participants staying at Rock Farm, for the duration of the Residency, at no additional charge. Details of pickup points and times will be communicated to accepted Participants staying at Rock Farm in advance. Participants relying on the transfer are responsible for being at the pickup point on time; CastleDAO is not liable for a Participant missing a scheduled transfer, and Participants remain responsible for arranging their own onward travel if they do. Participants must follow any instructions provided by the transfer operator and comply with Section 5 (Conduct) while using the transfer.

3.5 Participants not staying at Rock Farm are responsible for arranging their own transport to and from Slane Castle each day.

3.4 Any fees paid to CastleDAO are non-refundable except as set out in Section 10 (Cancellation & Withdrawal) or where required by law.

4. The Programme

4.1 The Residency provides a shared builder workspace, desks, monitors, internet connectivity, quiet working areas, and catering during working days, as described on castledao.ie, for the duration of the programme.

4.2 Programming is intentionally minimal; participants are expected to use the majority of their time for independent or team-based building. CastleDAO does not guarantee any

specific mentorship, speaker, workshop, or programming content beyond what is communicated to accepted Participants prior to arrival.

4.3 Optional wellness and recreational activities (e.g. kayaking, trail walks, breathwork) may be offered during the Residency. Participation in these activities is voluntary and subject to Section 8 (Health, Safety & Activities) below.

4.4 The Residency concludes with a live Demo Day. Participation in Demo Day is subject to Section 6 (Demo Day, Media & Publicity) below.

4.5 CastleDAO reserves the right to amend the schedule, activities, workspace arrangements, or programming at its reasonable discretion, including in response to matters outside its control.

5. Conduct

5.1 Participants must treat the castle, its grounds, contents, staff, fellow Participants, partners, and sponsors with respect at all times.

5.2 Prohibited conduct includes, without limitation: harassment, discrimination, or abusive behaviour toward any person; damage to the castle, its grounds, or property; illegal activity; and any conduct that CastleDAO reasonably considers to pose a risk to the safety, security, or reputation of the Residency, the castle, or other Participants.

5.3 CastleDAO reserves the right to remove any Participant from the Residency, without refund, for breach of these Terms or for conduct reasonably considered to endanger themselves, others, or the venue.

5.4 Participants are responsible for any loss or damage they cause to Slane Castle, its contents, grounds, or the accommodation at Rock Farm, and may be held liable for the cost of repair or replacement.

5.5 Slane Castle is a private, historic estate and family home. Participants must comply with any specific access rules, restricted areas, or instructions communicated by castle staff or CastleDAO on site.

5.6 Smoking, vaping, and the use of illegal drugs are prohibited across the grounds of Slane Castle and Rock Farm, including all indoor and outdoor areas. Breach of this clause is treated as a breach of these Terms under Section 5.3

6. Demo Day, Media & Publicity

6.1 Demo Day will be broadcast on a Solana ecosystem channel and may be recorded, streamed, photographed, and distributed by CastleDAO and its partners.

6.2 By attending the Residency and/or Demo Day, you consent to CastleDAO and its partners and sponsors capturing, using, and publishing your name, likeness, voice, and project information in photographs, video, livestreams, and promotional material relating to the Residency, on an unpaid basis, unless you notify CastleDAO in writing in advance that you withhold this consent.

6.3 Any work, product, or idea a Participant presents at Demo Day remains the intellectual property of that Participant or their company, subject to Section 7 below. Presenting at Demo Day does not transfer any ownership or licence beyond the media rights described in 6.2.

6.4 Participants should exercise their own judgement about what confidential or proprietary information to disclose during Demo Day, workshops, or informal conversations with sponsors, partners, or other Participants. CastleDAO does not operate the Residency under a general confidentiality or non-disclosure obligation unless separately agreed in writing.

7. Intellectual Property

7.1 CastleDAO claims no ownership over any intellectual property, code, product, or business created, developed, or advanced by a Participant during the Residency. All such IP remains the property of the Participant or their company (or as otherwise governed by agreements between Participants/co-founders/companies, which are outside the scope of these Terms).

7.2 The CastleDAO name, branding, and residency materials remain the property of CastleDAO and may not be used by Participants for commercial purposes without prior written consent.

8. Health, Safety & Activities

8.1 Participants take part in the Residency, including any optional recreational or wellness activities (such as kayaking or trail walks), at their own risk.

8.2 Participants are responsible for ensuring they are medically fit to take part in any physical activity offered and for disclosing any relevant medical condition, allergy, or dietary requirement to CastleDAO in advance.

8.3 CastleDAO will take reasonable steps to run the Residency safely, including any third-party-led activities, but does not accept liability for injury, illness, or loss arising from a Participant's voluntary participation in optional activities, except where caused by the proven negligence of CastleDAO.

8.4 Participants must comply with any safety instructions given by activity providers, castle staff, or CastleDAO staff, including in relation to water-based activities.

8.5 Participants are strongly encouraged to hold their own travel and personal accident/health insurance for the duration of their stay in Ireland.

9. Liability

9.1 To the fullest extent permitted by Irish law, CastleDAO's total liability to a Participant arising out of or in connection with the Residency (whether in contract, tort, or otherwise) shall not exceed the amount, if any, paid by that Participant to CastleDAO for the Residency.

9.2 Nothing in these Terms limits or excludes liability for death or personal injury caused by negligence, fraud, or any other liability that cannot be limited or excluded under Irish law.

9.3 CastleDAO is not liable for loss, theft, or damage to a Participant's personal property during the Residency.

9.4 CastleDAO is not liable for any failure or delay in performance caused by matters outside its reasonable control, including those described in Section 12 (Force Majeure).

9.5 CastleDAO holds public liability insurance in respect of the Residency. This does not remove the need for Participants to hold their own travel, health, and personal accident insurance as recommended in Section 8.5, and does not cover loss of or damage to a Participant's personal property (see Section 9.3).

10. Cancellation & Withdrawal

10.1 By the Participant: If you wish to withdraw after accepting a place, notify CastleDAO in writing as soon as possible so your place can be offered to another applicant. As there is no CastleDAO participation fee, no refund is due from CastleDAO; however, any accommodation booked in Rock Farm is subject to the cancellation policy that can be found in accommodation.castledao.ie, and any costs there are the Participant's responsibility.

10.2 By CastleDAO: If CastleDAO cancels the Residency in whole or in part, it will notify accepted Participants as soon as reasonably possible. CastleDAO is not responsible for any related costs incurred by Participants (e.g. flights, accommodation booked at Rock Farm) as a result of a cancellation.

10.3 CastleDAO reserves the right to shorten, postpone, or modify the Residency due to circumstances outside its control, including those described in Section 12.

11. Data Protection

11.1 CastleDAO will process personal data provided during the application and attendance process in accordance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Irish data protection law.

11.2 Personal data will be used to administer applications, run the Residency, communicate with Participants, and (where consented) for promotional purposes as set out in Section 6.

11.3 Personal data may be shared with partners or sponsors involved in delivering specific elements of the Residency, and with Rock Farm for accommodation booking purposes, on a need-to-know basis.

11.4 Participants have the right to access, correct, or request deletion of their personal data, subject to applicable law, by contacting alejandro@komuna.io.

12. Force Majeure

12.1 CastleDAO shall not be liable for any failure or delay in performing its obligations under these Terms where such failure or delay results from circumstances beyond its reasonable control, including but not limited to acts of God, extreme weather, fire, flood, war, terrorism, civil unrest, pandemic or public health restrictions, strikes, or damage to or unavailability of Slane Castle or Rock Farm.

13. Sponsors & Partners

13.1 The Residency is supported by third-party partners and sponsors. Participants may interact with sponsor representatives during the programme, including at Demo Day.

13.2 CastleDAO does not endorse, and is not responsible for, any commercial arrangement, investment discussion, or agreement a Participant enters into with a sponsor, partner, or fellow Participant, whether arising from the Residency or otherwise.

14. General

14.1 Entire Agreement: These Terms, together with any specific written communications from CastleDAO regarding your acceptance, constitute the entire agreement between you and CastleDAO regarding the Residency.

14.2 Amendments: CastleDAO may update these Terms from time to time. Material changes will be notified to accepted Participants prior to the Residency.

14.3 Severability: If any provision of these Terms is found unenforceable, the remaining provisions will continue in full force.

14.4 Governing Law: These Terms are governed by the laws of Ireland, and the courts of Ireland shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any dispute arising from them.

14.5 Contact: Questions about these Terms should be directed to alejandro@komuna.io.

By applying to the CastleDAO Founder Residency, you confirm that you have read, understood, and agree to these Terms & Conditions.