

The statutes of association "Drums for Peace"

§ 1. Name and domicile

- A) The name of the association is Drums for Peace
 - B) The association is registered in Copenhagen, Denmark, but works international.
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§ 2. Aims & Objectives of the association

- A) Drums for Peace is an international association that uses the transformative power of the arts to nurture community and celebrate diversity in order to create a better world.
- B) Drums for Peace brings primarily young people, youth workers, social workers, community educators and artists from different countries together. It uses creative arts to engage people and to ensure the inclusion of those that are disadvantaged and vulnerable.

Through intercultural exchanges, training, networking etc. we aim to:

- realise our own power and potential
- improve intercultural understanding and dialogue
- experience a variety of art forms
- develop skills of expression
- learn from each other through training events
- share and disseminate examples of best practice in and for youth work, community education and social work
- and influence decision makers

§ 3. Members

- A) Any other association, who agrees on the aims & objectives + guidelines of Drums for Peace can apply for being member of Drums for Peace.
- B) A written/e-mailed application for being member must be send to the chairman at least 1 month before the General Assembly together with aims & objective for the applying organisation translated into English.
- C) At least 4 Drums for Peace members from 4 different countries than the applicant, must, at the General Assembly, recommend the applying organisations due to experience from previous cooperation in projects.
- D) New memberships are decided on at the general assembly by simple majority.
- D) Individual persons can be supporting-members, but will have no voting rights.

- E) Drums for Peace workshop-leaders / artists count as one member association and have voting rights as such, but pays no fee.
- x) Drums for Peace artists that during the last 3 years have been leading at least 2 workshops at Drums for Peace youth-exchanges will be included in the list of workshop-leaders at Drums for Peace homepage and will be invited to take part in nominating the artists' representative for the annual meeting.
- F) Members pay a fixed fee, agreed upon at the annual assembly. The fee is charged in advance of each year.

§ 4. General Assembly – members’ annual meeting.

- A) The General Assembly is the highest authority of the association.
- B) Annual Meetings are held once a year and called with at least 3 month's notice by e-mail to members with inclusion of the agenda.
- C) All members who have paid the member-fee are invited and entitled to vote at the General Assembly.
There cannot be voted by proxy / Only present members can vote.
- D) The agenda of the annual assembly shall at least include the following points:
1. Appointment of vote-counters
 2. Election of meeting-conductor
 3. Chairman's report on the association's work in the past year and plans for the coming year.
 4. Presentation and approval of the accounts.
 5. Discussion of members’ proposals
 6. Determination of membership-fee
 7. Presentation and approval of budget
 8. Election of Chairman/ President of the association.
 9. Election of 4 board members and 2 deputies.
 10. Election of 2 auditors and a deputy auditor.
 11. Anything else
- E) Proposals to be discussed at the assembly must be in the hands of the board at least 1 month before the meeting. Proposed statutory changes that are wished treated, must be in the hands of the Board at least 2 months before the meeting.
- F) In the beginning of the assembly, the members elect a person to conduct the meeting. The conductor's task is to ensure that appropriate valid decisions are made in accordance with current statutes.
- G) The General Assembly makes its decisions by simple majority (one over half of the valid votes) and by show of hands. Written vote depends upon the request of just one meeting participant. Election of the chairperson, boardmembers audits and substitutes shall always be written/secret.

§ 5. Extraordinary General Assembly

- A) Extraordinary General Assemblies may be held when the board finds it necessary, and shall be held when at least 1 / 3 of the members makes a written reasoned request to the chairman. In such cases the general meeting must be held within 2 month after the request.
- B) Notice period for an extraordinary general assembly is 1 month.

§ 6. Management of the association.

- A) The association's management consists of the Board, in addition to the chairman, be the treasurer and 3 other members. The Board consists of individual representatives from the member-associations and are elected for a 2-year period, so that every year, 2 new members are elected. Immediately after the annual meeting the board meets and chooses among its members, the treasurer, the secretary and the vice chairman. All these trusted elections are valid until the next annual meeting.
- B) The Board manages the association in accordance with these statutes and the decisions of the general assembly.
The Board makes its own rules of procedure. It can put together project groups or assign limited tasks for members.
- C) The chairman - and in his absence, the vice-chairman – is in charge of the board meetings. Written notice, including agenda is sent out when the chairman finds it necessary, or at least two members of the board wishes a meeting.

§ 7. Economics, Accounting and auditing

- A) The association's financial year follows the calendar year.
- B) The Board is responsible for the association's budget and accounting.
- C) The association's accounts are kept by the treasurer, who also holds the association's member register.
- D) The accounts are audited by the auditor appointed at the general meeting.

§ 8. Representation & Liability

- A) The association is legally represented by the signature of the chair-man or by the signature of the vice-chairman in addition with the treasurer or 2 other board-members. In the matter of loans and the like the whole board must sign.
- B) No members of the board have personal liability for the economical obligations of the association. The association is only liable for its obligations within its own existing wealth.

§ 9. Amendments to the Statutes

- A) These statutes may be amended with 2 / 3 majority at a general assembly where the amendment is stated clearly in the agenda.
 - B) The statutes of the association are valid with effect immediately after the General Assembly.
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§ 10. Dissolution

- A) Dissolution of the Association "Drums for Peace" can only take place with 2 / 3 majority at two following general assemblies, one of whom shall be ordinary.
- B) In case of dissolution, the association's assets must be used in accordance with the § 2 fixed object or other charitable purposes.
Resolution on the specific use of the property is taken by the members at the dissolving annual meeting.

§ 11. Date of validation

- A) As decided upon at the association's founding general meeting on 02/09/2012 and amended at the General Assembly in Nykøbing F, DK, 18-19.3.2014

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