

STATUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION
Youth Express network /Réseau Express Jeunes

I - NAME

Art. 1

In accordance with the local Civil Law (art. 21 onwards) a European youth association is hereby created with the name of *Youth Express network /Réseau Express Jeunes*

Its head office is established at the number “Maison des Associations” 1a place des Orphelins Strasbourg (67000).

The head office of the association may be transferred by decision of the Bureau the association.

The association is founded for an unlimited duration.

The association is registered at the Court of Strasbourg. Volume 88 Folio 19

The present statutes have been adopted by the General Assembly of 31 May 2014

II - AIMS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Art. 2

The association aims at, within the spirit of Democracy and Human Rights:

- Promote training and development of youth and social workers, paid or volunteers, (herein called youth workers) working in the field of social exclusion with disadvantaged young people.
- Development of pedagogical methodologies in the youth field
- Promoting research about social discrimination and exclusion.
- Encourage youth workers and organisations to create partnerships for disadvantaged young people to take part in youth exchanges, activities and volunteering on an International level.
- Be an active resource place for trainers, partners, contacts and experts in Europe and across the world.
- Spread information on European youth activities, issues that concerned disadvantage young people and youth and social work.
- Development of cross border and International cooperation and development of local initiatives.
- Lobbying on behalf of young people and youth workers to local, regional and national authorities and international institutions.

The association is a non-profit organisation with a disinterest management.

Art. 3

The association carries out its mission through activities such as:

- International meetings and exchanges of young people and youth workers;
- Long term programmes and cooperation actions
- Non formal education

- Publications, Researches and newsletters;
- The Organization of training courses for youth workers;
- Information and counselling services about activities and opportunities at the European level which may interest its members.
- All other activities that fit to the aims of the organisation

III- COMPOSITION OF THE ASSOCIATION

Art. 4

Can be member any person or organisation who do ask. However, the GA can reject a request; in this case 2/3 the votes are needed. When entering into the organisations, the members take the commitment to respect the present statutes. They will get the statutes when entering into the organisation.

The subscription that each member has to pay is fixed each year according to the calculation rules detailed in the “Rules and procedures” document.

Art. 5

End of membership. The capacity to be member of the association expires by,

- death of the member
- Resignation sent by written letter to the president of the organisation

Remove for the non-payment of the membership fees, pronounced by the Bureau after a warning of 6 months.

– By exclusion pronounced by the bureau for an offence to the present statutes, for grave harming moral or materiel motive to the organisation. The member concerned must have been invited to present written explanation to the Bureau. A non-suspensive appeal may be carried forward to the General Assembly who will have the last word. Before such a decision, the member is convoke by letter or all means that can allow a prove of reception. The convocation letter states all the grievance; the member can during the meeting consult his file and during the meeting refute all grievance against him. He can have assistance from all person from his choice.

IV- MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION

Art. 6

The following bodies manage the Association:

- The General Assembly
- The Board of Directors, herein called "Bureau|"

Art. 7

The General Assembly

The General Assembly gathers the members, aged over 16 at the day of the GA who have paid their membership fees. The minors under 16 can be represented by one their parents, event if the parent is not member.

Each member is entitled to one vote.

The Assembly meets at least once a year in ordinary session. The Assembly is convoke by its President at his initiative or at the demand of at least ¼ of the members. In this last case the invitation has to be send into the 7 days following the request and the GA should be held within one month.

The members of the association will be convoke through individual written invitations sent at least one month before the meeting.

On agenda elaborated by the Bureau is send together with the invitation.

During the meeting (GA), one or several points can be added to the agenda if at least 1/3 of the members ask for it.

The items on the agenda are decided by the Assembly by the ordinary majority (50% + 1) of the votes or a simple majority can be used at the discretion of the chairman of the GA, if needed. The President shall decide whenever there is an equal splitting of the votes.

The General Assembly is sovereign on its decisions.

There shall be minutes/reports of each meeting of the General Assembly signed by the President and the Secretary.

The Assembly shall be presented with the annual and treasurers reports and these shall be voted to be accepted. The GA shall

be presented with the budget of the following year. This preview should be voted. The Assembly elects or renews the mandate of the Bureau members, by a secret vote, for a period of two years by the ordinary majority.

If less than 10% of the members are not present, the GA can not be held. Members who are not able to attend the meeting may be represented by another member by means of a written mandate. No member shall be able to represent more than one member.

Shall this “quorum” not be met at the first meeting, a second Assembly may be convoked at least 15 days in advance and it will then validly deliberate regardless of the number of the members present. In this case only the physically present members can vote (no mandate)

An extraordinary General Assembly meeting may be convoked by the Bureau or upon request of 50% of the members. The convocation must always be accompanied by the agenda of the meeting and sent by writing to the members at least three weeks in advance.

Art. 8

The Bureau

The association is managed by a Bureau composed of a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 11 members elected by secret votes by the Assembly. The Bureau shall comprise members who are residents in at least three European countries.

Can be elected in the bureau all member over 16 years old and who has paid his subscription. HOWEVER the half of the members of the bureau must have legal majority. The function of president, vice president or secretary can be carried out only by members having legal majority.

The organisation will insure an equal access to the governing bodies for men and women.

The members of the Bureau are elected for a two years term by secret ballot by ordinary majority. Outgoing members may be re-elected but not more than 3 times consecutively. If the minimum number decided by GA is not reached by ordinary majority, the chairman of the GA organises a second votes where only simple majority is needed.

Any full member may participate the Bureau meetings on consultative status.

The Bureau elects among its members:

- A President
- A vice-president,
- A Treasurer,
- A Secretary
- One or more assistants.

The Bureau assures the current management of the association and takes all decisions that are not reserved in these statutes to the General Assembly.

The Bureau decides in the name of the association on acts of purchase, sale and administration of the association's patrimony. It also decides in the engagement and management of employees.

The Bureau meets at least 3 time in a year by a convocation addressed individually by the President or his/her representative duly mandated, to each of its members at least one month before the meeting.

The presence of 3 members of the Bureau is required for the validity of its decisions. There shall be minutes/report of each meeting. The decisions are taken by ordinary majority of the votes of the members present. Its decisions shall be valid only upon the items previously inscribed on the meetings' agenda.

The members of the Bureau cannot receive any remuneration for their functions. However, they may be reimbursed for their expenses.

Art. 9

The Association is represented in court and in all other civil arts by the President of the Bureau or by any other person duly mandated by one of them or, if needed, mandated by the Bureau.

V. RESOURCES OF THE ASSOCIATION

Art. 10

The financial resources of the association are composed of:

- The membership fees;

- Grants from European, national or regional institutions;
- Income from its assets or services;
- Donations;
- Fund-raising activities
- Exceptionally created resources such as conferences, tombola, publications, etc.

Art. 11
the treasurer keeps an accounting in products and in load for the recording of all the financial transactions. This accounting will be held according to the general chart of accounts adapted to associations.

The accounting should be submitted to the GA in less than 6 months after the accounts closing.
The Bureau adopts the annual preview before the beginning of the year (accounting year)
The association will insure a transparent management. The annual report and the accounts (results and preview) are given every year to all the members of the association.
The GA will nominate an external auditor as soon as the legal threshold is reached

Art. 12
The Treasurer and the President have the right to open and manage bank accounts

VI - CHANGES TO THE STATUTES AND DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

Art. 13
Any proposals for changes to the statutes must be sent to the members at least three months before the meeting of the Assembly scheduled to decide on them.

The Assembly must in such a case bring together at least one fifth of its members, present or represented.

The statutes can only be modified by a two-thirds majority of the members present or represented.

Art. 14
The Assembly called to decide about the dissolution of the association will be specifically convoked for this purpose and must bring together at least one fifth of the members. The convocation must be made at least three months before the meeting.

If the quorum is not reached, the General Assembly is convoked again after at least one month and this time it can decide regardless of the number of members present.

The dissolution can only be pronounced by a two-thirds majority of the members present.

Art. 15
In the event of dissolution of the association, the remaining assets can never be distributed among the members but given to an existing or future association pursuing similar aims.

VII - INTERNAL REGULATIONS

Art. 16
Internal Regulations elaborated by the Bureau and adopted by the General Assembly shall fix the modalities of the functioning of the association and rule for any matter not foreseen in these statutes.

Terminology used:

Europe – Council of Europe countries

Ordinary majority – 50% + 1

Quorum – 10% of the members