

## **Statutes of the Association Jung trifft Alt Düsseldorf e.V.**

### **§ 1 Name, Headquarters, and Fiscal Year**

- 1.1 The association is named Jung trifft Alt Düsseldorf with the suffix "e.V." (registered association).
- 1.2 The association is based in Düsseldorf and is registered in the association register at the District Court of Düsseldorf.
- 1.3 The fiscal year corresponds to the calendar year.

### **§ 2 Purpose**

- 2.1 The purpose of the association is the sustainable promotion of youth welfare, eldercare, and the arts.
- 2.2 This purpose is achieved through child and youth welfare activities, intergenerational cultural work using the means of art, and, in particular, the establishment of a "Kinderakademie Düsseldorf" (Children's Academy Düsseldorf) as an institution for extracurricular youth education. Exhibitions, including cross-border ones, are to be promoted, as well as the creation of art collections, the compilation of catalogs of works, and the management of artists' estates.
- 2.3 To fulfill these statutory purposes, suitable means such as contributions, levies, donations, subsidies, and other grants will be utilized.
- 2.4 The association pursues exclusively and directly charitable purposes as defined in the section "Tax-Privileged Purposes" of the German Fiscal Code in its current version.
- 2.5 The association acts selflessly; it pursues charitable purposes both directly and indirectly and does not primarily aim at economic purposes.
- 2.6 Funds of the association may only be used for purposes stipulated in its statutes. Members do not receive any benefits from the association's funds.
- 2.7 No person may benefit from expenditures unrelated to the purpose of the association or from disproportionately high remuneration.
- 2.8 The association is politically and denominationally neutral.

### **§ 3 Membership**

- 3.1 Ordinary membership is open to natural persons, legal entities, and associations of persons who are willing to actively promote the association's goals and statutory purposes.
- 3.2 Supporting members are those who do not actively participate in the association but support and promote its purpose in a suitable manner.
- 3.3 In individual cases, the board may exempt members from the obligation to pay membership fees.
- 3.4 Honorary members are exempt from paying membership fees but have the same rights and obligations as ordinary members, including participation in all meetings and assemblies.

### **§ 4 Rights and Obligations of Members**

- 4.1 Members are entitled to participate in all events offered by the association. They also have the right to submit motions to the board and the general assembly. Voting rights at the general assembly may only be exercised in person.
- 4.2 Members are encouraged to support the association and its purpose appropriately, including in public.

### **§ 5 Beginning and Termination of Membership**

5.1 Membership must be applied for in writing to the board. The board decides on the admission application by a simple majority. The board is not obliged to disclose the reasons for a rejection.

5.2 Changes in membership (e.g., from active membership to supporting membership) must be notified in writing to the board with a three-month notice period, without affecting the obligation to pay fees for the current year.

5.3 Membership ends through voluntary resignation, exclusion, death of the member, or loss of legal capacity in the case of legal entities.

5.4 Voluntary resignation must be submitted in writing by the end of the fiscal year, observing a three-month notice period to the board.

5.5 A member can be excluded with immediate effect and for good cause if they grossly violate the statutes, regulations, statutory purpose, or the interests of the association. The board decides on exclusion by a simple majority. The member must be given an opportunity to respond to the allegations before the board within a two-week period.

5.6 Upon termination of membership, regardless of the reason, all claims arising from the membership relationship expire. Refunds of contributions, donations, or other support are excluded. The association retains the right to claim outstanding membership fees.

## **§ 6 Membership Fees**

6.1 The amount of annual membership fees, supporting contributions, admission fees, and levies is determined by the currently valid fee schedule, which is adopted by the general assembly.

## **§ 7 Organs of the Association**

The organs of the association are:

7.1 the general assembly,

7.2 the board.

## **§ 8 General Assembly**

8.1 The general assembly is the supreme organ of the association and has the following responsibilities:

- To receive and discuss the annual reports,
- To discharge the board,
- To elect the board (in election years),
- To decide on amendments to the statutes and the dissolution of the association,
- To elect auditors who are neither part of the board nor employed by the association.

8.2 The board convenes an ordinary general assembly annually in the first quarter. Invitations are sent in writing two weeks in advance, including the preliminary agenda, to the member's last known address. Timely mailing suffices for compliance with the deadline.

8.3 The agenda of the ordinary general assembly must include:

- Report of the board,
- Report of the auditors,
- Discharge of the board,
- Election of two auditors, if required,
- Approval of the budget for the current fiscal year,
- Setting of fees/levies for the current fiscal year or adoption of fee schedules,
- Resolutions on submitted motions.

8.4 Motions by members for the agenda must be submitted in writing to the board at least one week

before the assembly. Late motions may be added if approved by a majority of attending voting members.

8.5 The board must convene an extraordinary general assembly promptly if required by the association's interests or if at least one-third of the members request it in writing, stating the purpose and reasons.

8.6 The chairperson or a deputy chairs the general assembly. Upon proposal, a special meeting leader may be appointed.

8.7 Resolutions of the general assembly are recorded in minutes, signed by a board member, and made available for members to review.

## **§ 9 Voting Rights and Quorum**

9.1 Ordinary and honorary members have voting rights. Each member aged 16 and older has one vote, which must be exercised in person; proxy voting is not permitted.

9.2 The general assembly can be held via email or video conference and remains valid.

9.3 The general assembly is valid regardless of the number of members present.

9.4 Resolutions are passed by a simple majority. Abstentions and invalid votes are not counted. In the event of a tie, the motion is deemed rejected.

9.5 Voting is only conducted secretly if requested by the majority of members present.

9.6 Amendments to the statutes or dissolution of the association require a three-quarters majority of attending voting members. Changes to the association's purpose require unanimous approval.

9.7 Statute amendments are communicated to all members in writing.

## **§ 10 Board**

10.1 The board consists of:

- A chairperson,
- A treasurer,
- A secretary.

Members are elected for a term of two years and may be re-elected indefinitely. They remain in office until their successors assume office.

10.2 The board directs the association's activities. It may establish internal regulations, assign specific tasks, or appoint committees. Compensation for special services may be granted per applicable allowances. Members may receive remuneration for separate contractual activities unrelated to board duties. Contracts must be approved by the board excluding the affected member.

10.3 The legal representatives under §26 BGB are the chairperson, treasurer, and secretary. Two board members jointly represent the association in legal and extralegal matters.

10.4 Decisions of the board are made by a simple majority. The board is valid with at least three members present or unanimous written approval.

10.5 Board decisions are recorded in minutes signed by at least two authorized members.

10.6 In case of early resignation, the board may appoint a temporary replacement until the next general assembly.

## **§ 11 Auditors**

Two auditors are elected for a term of two years. They review financial records and usage of funds at least annually and report their findings to the general assembly.

## **§ 12 Dissolution of the Association**

Upon dissolution or cessation of its purposes, the association's assets are transferred to the Paritätischer Landesverband NRW e.V. for charitable purposes.

### **§ 13 Liquidators**

The current board members act as liquidators unless otherwise decided by the general assembly.