

Articles of Association

Landesvereinigung kulturelle Kinder- und Jugendbildung
Sachsen-Anhalt e. V. | State Association for Cultural
Education for Children and Young People Saxony-Anhalt
(Articles of Association last amended on 26 June 2018)

§ 1 Name and registered office

The association is an amalgamation of predominantly non-profit corporations (organizations, associations, institutions) and individuals who are active in the cultural education of children and youth and whose activities extend to the state of Saxony-Anhalt and its individual regions. It pursues exclusively and directly charitable purposes in the sense of the paragraph »Tax-privileged purposes« of the Tax Act (Abgabeordnung).

The association is based in Magdeburg. The jurisdiction is Magdeburg.

It bears the name »Landesvereinigung kulturelle Kinder- und Jugendbildung Sachsen-Anhalt e. V.« (Abbreviation: LKJ) and is a legally independent regional association of the Bundesvereinigung Kulturelle Kinder- und Jugendbildung (BKJ) e. V.

§ 2 Character and purpose

The purpose of the association is to promote the cultural education of children and youth, among other things according to the KJHG (Child and Youth Services Act). It does not primarily pursue its own economic interests. The LKJ represents the interests of its members vis-à-vis the public, the responsible authorities and political bodies. As a provider of

voluntary services at home and abroad, the association promotes the ability of people to take part in civic engagement for the benefit of non-profit and charitable purposes.

The purpose of the Articles of Association is realized through the organization and implementation of voluntary services, seminars and events with educational purposes.

The aim is to use cultural and artistic means to contribute to personal development, to create development conditions and spaces for development for children and youth regardless of disability, religion, origin, nationality or sexual or gender identity.

Mutual information, exchange of experience and other suitable measures are used to promote and guarantee the conceptual development of cultural education for children and young people, project coordination among members, professional advice in practice and advanced training for multipliers.

The LKJ strives to cooperate with suitable partners in Saxony-Anhalt and its regions, with the regional associations of cultural children and youth education in other federal states, with the Bundesvereinigung Kultureller Kinder- und Jugendbildung e. V. (Federal Association of Cultural Children and Youth Education) as well as with national and international associations that work with comparable objectives.

§ 3 Finances

The association's funds may only be used for purposes stipulated by the Articles of Association. Members do not receive any grants out of the funds of the association. The members of the board of directors may be reimbursed for expenses and costs within the framework of Section 26a of the Income Tax Act (EStG). No person or institution may benefit from expenses not in accordance with the purpose of the Articles of Association nor from excessive remuneration.

The financial year is the calendar year.

The association is only liable with its own assets.

§ 4 Membership

Members of Landesvereinigung kulturelle Kinder- und Jugendbildung Sachsen- Anhalt e. V. are predominantly non-profit corporations that are primarily active at the state level. Associations, organizations, institutions under predominantly independent bodies, as well as individuals with whom close cooperation is sought, may also become members.

The written application for membership must be addressed to the committee of the association. The board of directors decides on the admission. In the event of rejection, a different decision may be made at the general meeting at the request of the applicant with a simple majority of the members present. There is no legal entitlement to admission.

The members undertake to work continuously, in particular by sending a permanent representative.

Membership ends with resignation, exclusion, death or dissolution of the association. The resignation may only be declared in writing to the board of directors with a notice period of three months to the end of the financial year. In the event of serious violations of the Articles of Association, exclusion may be pronounced by the board and decided by the general meeting. The exclusion may be objected to within one month. Membership is suspended until the decision of the general meeting.

§ 4a Honorary membership

Individuals can be appointed honorary members by resolution of the general meeting. Honorary membership entitles the honorary member to participate in an advisory capacity in all committees of the LKJ.

§ 5 Organs of the association

The organs of the association are the general meeting and the board.

The general meeting is called by the board at least once a year, written invitation is extended at least four weeks before the date. It must also be convened if at least 1/3 of the members of the association request it, specifying the desired discussion points in writing.

Each duly convened general meeting has a quorum with a simple majority of the members present. Changes to the statutes, admissions and exclusion require a 2/3 majority. Each member has a seat and vote in the general meeting.

Minutes and resolutions of the meeting must be signed by the keeper of the minutes and a board member.

The general meeting's tasks comprise in particular:

- Decision on admission and exclusion of a member
- Election of the board of directors
- Decisions on the work program
- Approval of the activity and business report and discharge of the board of directors
- Consultation and decisions on the budget
- Election of the auditors
- Resolutions on annual membership fees
- Resolutions on amendments to the Articles of Association
- Resolution on the dissolution of the association

The general meeting elects the board for a period of three years. Direct re-election of the board members is permitted. The board members remain in office until the new election.

The board consists of the chair, two deputy chairs and two assessors. The chair and the deputy chairs represent the association and are authorized to represent them individually (within the meaning of Section 26 BGB [German Civil Code]). The board runs the association.

It appoints a managing director and appoints the advisory board. The board of directors gives itself rules of procedure to conduct the business of the association.

§ 5a Advisory board

The advisory board includes natural persons who support the objectives of the LKJ mentioned in §2 of the Articles of Association and who accompany the work of the association as experts. The advisory board meets at least once a year and has an advisory function.

§ 6 Dissolution of the association

If the association is dissolved or if tax-privileged purposes cease to exist, the association's assets go to a non-profit body for the purpose of using it for cultural education for children and youth.

Resolutions on the future use of assets may only be made with the consent of the responsible tax office.

These Articles of Association were established by the general meeting on 28 April 1998 in Quedlinburg - amended by resolutions of the general meeting on 12 May 2006, 25 March 2009, 8 May 2017 and 26 June 2018.