

Statutes of the Association “Aixpats e.V. – South Asian Community in Aachen”



§ 1 Name, Registered Office and Financial Year

1. The association bears the name “Aixpats e.V. – South Asian Community in Aachen.”
2. The registered office of the association is Aachen, Germany.
3. The financial year is the calendar year.

§ 2 Purpose of the Association

1. The association exclusively and directly pursues charitable purposes within the meaning of the German Fiscal Code (Abgabenordnung).
2. The purpose of the association is in particular:
 - to promote the integration of the South Asian community with a migration background in Aachen and the surrounding region,
 - to organize cultural, social, and community-building events to promote intercultural exchange and cohesion,
 - to support families and individuals in integration-related matters as well as through educational and informational events,
 - to create a platform to promote the integration of children and young people with a migration background,
 - to provide support in the event of death for active and passive members as well as their unmarried children under the age of 22 without their own income (without any legal entitlement).
3. The association acts selflessly and does not pursue any commercial or profit-oriented purposes.

§ 3 Membership

The association distinguishes between active, passive, and non-active members.

1. Active Members

Any natural person may become an active member who identifies with the objectives and cultural self-understanding of the Association and is willing to participate regularly and actively in the Association’s activities, and who, in the assessment of the Board, is suitable for active participation in the Association.

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Suitability shall be determined in particular by the willingness to actively contribute, prior engagement, and the Association’s current organizational and personnel capacities.

- Admission takes place through the signing of a membership application form and confirmation by the board.
- Active members pay an annual membership fee, the amount of which is determined and announced by the board.
- Active members have voting rights in the General Assembly.
- Only active members are eligible for election to the board.
- Active members are obliged, within their means, to participate in association activities and donation campaigns.
- They may be nominated for organizational tasks if an insufficient number of volunteers is available.
- Within the limits of the Association’s available resources and at the discretion of the Board, active members may receive non-material or minor benefits intended to acknowledge and support their voluntary engagement. Such benefits may include in particular:
 - reduced participation or admission fees for Association events,
 - priority registration for active members and their minor children for internal or external Association programs or workshops,
 - reimbursement of documented expenses incurred in connection with Association activities,

There shall be no legal entitlement to such benefits. Any granting of benefits must comply with the requirements of non-profit law and must not override the Association’s charitable purpose.

- In the event of death, active members receive organizational support from the association (maximum amount €3,000, without legal entitlement).

2. Passive Members

- Passive members are former active members who no longer reside in the Aachen area but continue to live within the European Union.
- Passive members pay a reduced annual membership fee.

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- Passive members have no voting rights in the General Assembly.
- They remain members in order to be included in the funeral support program of the association (without legal entitlement).

3. Non-Active Members

- Non-active members do not pay a membership fee.
- They have no voting rights and are not considered for other social benefits as active members as well as not included in the funeral support program of the association.
- They pay the regular admission fee for association events.
- To maintain membership, participation in at least one association event per calendar year is required.
- They may be nominated for organizational tasks if an insufficient number of volunteers is available.

§ 4 Organs of the Association

The organs of the association are:

1. the General Assembly,
2. the Board.

§ 5 Board

1. Composition of the Board

The board consists of the following positions:

- a. Chairperson
- b. Deputy Chairperson
- c. Treasurer
- d. Deputy Treasurer
- e. General Board Member
- f. Integration and Events Coordinator

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- g. Membership and Documentation Officer
- h. Two Youth Coordinators (aged 18–25),
who are members of the board in an extended capacity.

2. Duties and Responsibilities

a. Chairperson

- Leads the association and represents it externally.
- Chairs board meetings and General Assemblies.
- Coordinates board activities and oversees the implementation of association objectives.

b. Deputy Chairperson

- Supports the Chairperson in their duties.
- Assumes the Chairperson’s responsibilities in their absence.

c. Treasurer

- Responsible for proper financial management of the association.
- Keeps accurate records of income and expenditures.
- Prepares financial reports and manages association bank accounts and receipts.

d. Deputy Treasurer

- Supports the Treasurer.
- Assumes the Treasurer’s duties in the event of absence.

e. General Board Member

- Supports the board in administrative and organizational matters.
- Undertakes special tasks as resolved by the board.

f. Integration and Events Coordinator

- Plans and organize cultural, social, and integration-focused events.
- Promotes intercultural exchange and community cohesion.
- Supports new members in integration-related matters.

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g. Membership and Documentation Officer

- Manages memberships and membership status changes.
- Maintains member records and contact data.
- Records minutes of board meetings and General Assemblies.
- Archives resolutions and association documents in a structured manner.

h. Youth Coordinators

- Represent the interests of younger members within the association.
- Plan and organize age-appropriate activities and initiatives.

3. Term of Office

1. The board is elected by the General Assembly for a term of two years.
2. Immediate re-election to the office of Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson is not permitted.
Re-election to the same office is only possible after a break of one election period.

4. Representation of the Association

1. The association is represented in and out of court by:
 - the Chairperson,
 - the Deputy Chairperson,
 - the Treasurer,
 - the Deputy Treasurer.
2. Legal or financially binding decisions require the approval of at least two of these board members.

5. Decision-Making

1. Board decisions should be made by consensus wherever possible.
2. If consensus cannot be reached, decisions are made by a simple majority.

6. Election Management

1. For board elections, the General Assembly appoints two election officers.

2. Election officers may not stand as candidates for any position being elected.
3. They conduct the election in a neutral, transparent, and proper manner.

7. Removal and Replacement

1. A board member may be removed from office by a two-thirds majority of the active members present at the General Assembly.
2. In the event of early resignation or removal, the board appoints an interim replacement until the next General Assembly.

8. Diversity Requirement

If the positions of Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Treasurer, and Deputy Treasurer are filled exclusively by persons of the same gender, the position of General Board Member shall be filled by a person of another gender, provided suitable candidates are available.

§ 5a Minimum Activities and Data Management

1. The board shall conduct the association’s affairs continuously and in accordance with these statutes.
2. Minimum operational requirements include:
 - at least two board meetings per year,
 - proper management of membership records and finances,
 - at least one association activity per year.

§ 5b Handover in the Event of a Change of Board

1. The outgoing board is obligated to hand over all documents, data, accounts, and access credentials completely to the newly elected board.
2. The handover must take place no later than four weeks after the election.

§ 6 General Assembly

1. The ordinary General Assembly is held once per year.
2. It decides in particular on:
 - the election and discharge of the board,
 - membership fees,

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- amendments to the statutes,
 - dissolution of the association.
3. Resolutions are passed by a simple majority unless these statutes provide otherwise.

§ 7 Financial Management

1. All income and expenditures must be properly documented.
2. Association funds may be used only for purposes in accordance with these statutes.
3. No distributions shall be made to members.
4. The formation of reserves for future projects or emergencies is permitted.

§ 8 Dissolution of the Association

1. The dissolution of the association requires a two-thirds majority of the General Assembly.
2. In the event of dissolution, the association’s assets shall be transferred to a charitable organization designated by the General Assembly.

§ 9 Data Protection

1. Personal data shall be collected, processed, and used exclusively in accordance with applicable data protection laws and the GDPR.
2. Members have the right to access, rectify, restrict, or delete their personal data.