

Camphill Northern Region Association

BYLAWS

1. Name

The name of the organisation shall be “Camphill Northern Region Association” hereafter called “the Association”.

2. Definitions

The Association refers to the Camphill Northern Region Association which is constituted of Full, Sponsored and Affiliated Members in the Northern Region.

A Full Member is a Camphill community or activity recognised by the Association as upholding the aims and objectives of the Association.

A Sponsored Member is a community or activity recognised by the Association as upholding the aims and objectives of the Association which has not yet applied for a full membership.

An Affiliated Member is recognised by the Association as upholding aims and objectives substantially consistent with those of the Association.

The Assembly is a meeting open to all members of the Association and will meet at least once annually.

The Coordinating Group consists of 5 representatives of Full Members appointed by the Assembly; it is the board of the Association and will meet regularly and at least twice annually.

The Northern Region comprises the following nations: Iceland, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Russia, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

The Northern Regional Group is a non-legal entity comprising representatives of Camphill in the Northern Region the expressions of which can be certified by the chairperson of the Coordinating Group.

3. Aims and objectives

The aims and objectives of the Association are:

a. To form an Association of Camphill communities which are active in the fields of curative education and social therapy.

Such activities might include training, living and working with people who have a learning disability, mental health problems or other needs including agricultural and horticultural work or any other work based on the principles of Rudolf Steiner.

b. To support the work of Camphill communities through association, in dealing with Government bodies and other organisations, consult with and refer back to the Association and provide a forum for a coherent approach where possible when dealing with statutory bodies and other organisations.

c. To support economically the work of Camphill communities and specifically the members of the Association.

d. To share information of relevant developments in legislation and other matters, between the regions.

e. To seek affiliation with other groups with similar interests.

f. To promote a world-wide association of Camphill communities.

g. To raise funds to support the development of Camphill worldwide.

h. To maintain and develop relationships with other Camphill communities within the regions and an interest in the wider Camphill Movement.

4. Full Membership

a. The list of Full Members shall form Schedule 1 of this Memorandum and Articles of Association.

b. Eligibility for Full Membership of the Association shall be open to those Camphill communities or activities in the Northern Region whose aims and objectives are consistent with those of the Association.

c. Application for Full Membership shall be forwarded in writing to the Association secretary by the Northern Regional Group.

d. Full Members shall pay the annual membership dues set by the Coordinating

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Group and approved by the Assembly.

5. Sponsored Membership

a. The list of Sponsored Members shall form Schedule 2 of this Memorandum and

Articles of Association.

b. Eligibility for Sponsored Membership of the Association shall be open to those communities or activities in the Northern Region whose aims and objectives are consistent with those of the Association, but whose present nature, size, resources or circumstances preclude fulfillment of these conditions in their entirety.

c. Applications for Sponsored Membership shall be forwarded in writing to the Association Secretary by the Northern Regional Group.

d. Sponsored Members shall pay the annual membership dues set by the Coordinating

Group and approved by the Assembly.

6. Affiliated Membership

a. The list of Affiliated Members shall form Schedule 3 of this Memorandum and Articles of Association.

b. Eligibility for Affiliated Membership of the Association shall be open to those organisations whose aims and objectives are substantially consistent with those of the Association.

c. Applications for Affiliated Membership shall be forwarded in writing to the Association Secretary by the Northern Regional Group.

d. Affiliated Members shall pay the annual membership dues set by the Coordinating

Group and approved by the Assembly.

7. Cessation of Membership (all categories)

a. A member may at any time resign membership of the Association by notice in writing to the Association Secretary.

b. The Northern Regional Group may at any time cancel the membership of any member by notifying the Association Secretary in writing.

8. The Assembly

a. The responsibility of carrying the aims and objectives of the Association shall rest with the Assembly.

b. The Assembly will elect a Coordinating Group comprising of 5 representatives of

Full Members.

c. The Assembly shall confirm the amount of the membership dues set by the Coordinating Group each year.

d. The Assembly is open to representatives of all members and other interested individuals and it will meet at least once a year. However each Full Member must notify to the Chairperson at the commencement of the meeting who is their official representative in the Assembly. In a case where there is more than one representative so notified to the Chairperson, the Chairperson shall decide who shall officially represent the Full Member.

e. Meetings of the Assembly shall be called with reasonable notice.

f. Business for meetings of the Assembly, except in exceptional circumstances, should be submitted to the Chairperson at least 1 week prior to the meeting.

g. All decisions of the Assembly will be made in accordance with the consensus of the Full Members present at a meeting and for these purposes there shall be a quorum of 10 Full Members. In the case that no consensus is achieved at a meeting of the Assembly there shall, at the next regular meeting of the Assembly, be held a vote and the majority of Full Members present at that meeting shall decide. In the event of a deadlock the Chairperson shall have a deciding vote.

h. Proper minutes of every meeting of Assembly shall be kept and circulated to all members within 4 weeks after the meeting, and, if signed by the chairperson of such meeting, or by the chairperson of the next succeeding meeting, shall be sufficient evidence of the facts stated therein.

i. The Assembly may, at its own discretion, invite any person to attend any of its meetings.

9. Coordinating Group

a. The Coordinating Group is the board of the Association. The Coordinating Group of the Association is elected by the Assembly.

b. Annual membership dues shall be set by the Coordinating Group.

c. Members of the Coordinating Group shall comprise individuals who have been

elected by the Assembly of the Association. Members of the Coordinating Group shall be elected for a period of 3 years and may be re-elected. 2 of the members of the first Coordinating Group shall be elected for a period of 1 1/2 years. Full

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Members will be advised of this process and asked to forward nominations to the Association Secretary for consideration of the Assembly.

d. The Coordinating Group may itself request the presence of individuals to serve on its group. The Assembly shall be informed of such requests.

e. The Coordinating Group will nominate from its membership a Chairperson and Secretary. The appointment of both will be confirmed by the Assembly on an annual basis.

f. The Chairperson and Secretary of the Coordinating Group shall also act as the Chairperson and Secretary of the Association Assembly.

g. The Coordinating Group shall make and implement decisions in connection with the business of the Association on behalf of all the members of the Association.

h. All decisions of the Coordinating Group will be made in accordance with the consensus of the members present at a meeting and for these purposes there shall be a quorum of 4 members. In the case that no consensus is achieved at a meeting of the Coordinating Group there shall, at the next regular meeting of the Coordinating Group, be held a vote and the majority of members present at that meeting shall decide. In the event of a deadlock the Chairperson shall have a deciding vote.

i. The Coordinating Group shall meet regularly but at least twice annually.

j. A meeting of the Coordinating Group may be convened by the Secretary or by any

member of the Coordinating Group with reasonable notice.

k. Business for meetings of the Coordinating Group, except in exceptional circumstances, should be submitted to the Chairperson at least 1 week prior to the meeting.

l. The Coordinating Group may delegate any of its powers or functions as it deems

fit.

m. The Coordinating Group will cause proper books of accounts to be kept with respect to:

i. Monies received and expended. ii. Sales and purchases. iii. Assets & Liabilities.

n. Proper minutes of every meeting of the Coordinating shall be kept and circulated to all members within 4 weeks after the meeting, and, if signed by the Chairperson of such meeting, or by the Chairperson of the next succeeding meeting, shall be

sufficient evidence of the facts stated therein.

o. The Coordinating Group may, at its own discretion, invite any person to attend any of its meetings.

10. Alteration

The Assembly may alter any provision of these bylaws from time to time, as it deems fit with the consensus of the Full Members present at a meeting and for these purposes there shall be a quorum of 12 members. In the case that no consensus is achieved at a meeting of the Assembly there shall, at the next regular meeting of the Assembly, be held a vote and the majority of Full Members present at that meeting shall decide, for these purposes there shall be a quorum of twelve members. In the event of a deadlock the Chairperson shall have a deciding vote.

Schedule 1 – List of Full Members

Vidaråsen Landsby

Camphill Rotvoll

Chistye Kluchi

Tourmaline

Kaupunki Kylä

Solborg

Hogganvik Landsby

Vallersund Gård

Jøssåsen Landsby

Staffansgården

Häggetorp

Sylvia-Koti

Myllylähde yhteisö

Tapolan kyläyhteisö

Pahkla

Rozkalni

Svetlana

Schedule 2 – List of Sponsored Members

Schedule 1 – List of Affiliated Members