

# Articles of Associations for Foreningen Makvärket

## § 1 NAME

- The name of the association is "Makvärket".
- The association's registered address is in Holbæk municipality.

## § 2 PURPOSE

The purpose of the association is:

- To run the culture center "Makvärket" at the old brickworks in Knabstrup.
- To offer a diversity of non-profit cultural activities for the common good in Holbæk municipality and beyond.
- To set the framework for a sustainable cultural collective: A self-organized, voluntary community of people working practically and theoretically with cultural, social, economic and environmental transformation of society.
- To ensure activities, learning and activism concerning sustainable development, sustainable construction, collective living, diversity and equality.
- To create a place for community based projects and alternative artistic and cultural events and production.

## § 3 MEMBERSHIP

- Any person who supports the purpose of Foreningen Makvärket can sign up to become a member.
- Membership ends upon written request from the member.
- Membership fee is flexible, depending on the financial capacity of the member.
- Membership can be canceled if a member damages the association's interests or reputation. Decisions on exclusion must be decided by consensus on a plenary meeting preferably after a conflict resolution meeting.
- Any member of Makvärket can join an existing working group or form new ones within the purpose of the association.
- Members of Foreningen Makvärket are updated on the association's activities on a regular basis.
- Members are invited to the yearly meeting Imaginarium.

## § 4 MANAGEMENT

- The operation of the association is handled by the collective board and by a number of working groups.
- The Imaginarium, and secondarily the seasonal meetings, are the highest decision-making authority.
- The collective board has the overall responsibility of the economy of the association.
- The operation of the economy is managed by the finance group. This group consists of minimum two members. Members of the finance group are decided at a Collective board meeting for a period of one year.

- Working groups can work autonomously within the purpose of the organization although decisions which have impact on the economy, buildings and relationship to the surrounding society have to be approved by The collective board.
- All working groups meet for a seasonal coordination meeting. Active working groups are expected to participate with at least one participant and to share their work

## §5 THE COLLECTIVE BOARD

- The collective board is constituted at the Imaginarium.
- Decisions at Collective board meetings are taken by consensus among all present members of The collective board
- Conflicts that cannot be resolved through the consensus process are resolved through the conflict resolution system of the association.
- Collective board meetings are generally open to everyone interested. Guests at the meetings can participate in the discussion at the meeting, but decisions are made solely by members of The collective board.
- All members of Makvärket can submit suggestions and ideas to The collective board for discussion at a meeting.

## § 6 IMAGINARIUM - THE ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING

- Members of Makvärket are invited to the annual member meeting, Imaginarium.
- The purpose of the Imaginarium is:
  - 1) for all members to get updated on Makvärket,
  - 2) to create a space for discussing the overall vision for Foreningen Makvärket,
  - 3) and to give an opportunity to engage in existing working groups and form new working group
  - 4) to elect the members of the collective board for the following year. Members of the collective board are elected for a two-year term.
- The collective board is constituted at the imaginarium by a consensus democratic process called 'consensus minus one'. This means that all present members have to reach an agreement, but that one person cannot stand in the way of a group consensus.
- Imaginarium is invited for by mail to all members of Foreningen Makvärket.

## § 7 ACCOUNTING

- The association's financial year follows the calendar year.
- The annual financial accounting is presented at a Collective board meeting for approval.

## § 8 AUTHORITIES AND OBLIGATIONS

- The association is only obliged by its wealth. Thus, no individual member of the association can be held economically responsible for the activities of the association.
- Two members of the finance group together have the authority to sign for expenses.
- The names of members in the finance group are provided to the bank of the association and written down in the minutes of the meeting. Any changes in membership of the finance group need to be announced to the bank of the association.

## § 9 DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

- Dissolution of the association can only happen by decision at a Collective board meeting and subsequently at an extraordinary meeting for all members of the association. Proposal to dissolve the association must be sent out at least 3 weeks in advance of the Collective board meeting.
- The decision has to be taken by consensus at The collective board meeting and The collective board will subsequently be responsible for convening an extraordinary meeting for all members of the association.
- An extraordinary meeting must be invited for with at least 4 weeks' notice by mail.
- For the dissolution of the association, at least two-thirds of the votes at the extraordinary meeting are required.
- The association's assets must be handed over to non-profit "charitable" associations with activities similar to those mentioned in section 2 when the association is dissolved.

These updated Articles of Association have been adopted on the Imaginarium November 22<sup>th</sup> 2025