

Articles of Association Better Future e.V.

§ 1 Name, registered office, financial year

The name of the association is Better Future.

(2) The association has its registered office in 12103 Berlin, Parkstraße 11. The association's website can be found at www.better-future.website.

It shall be entered in the register of associations at the Charlottenburg Local Court and shall bear the addition e. V. after registration.

3) The financial year is the calendar year.

§ 2 Purpose of the association, non-profit status

(1) The Association pursues exclusively and directly charitable and benevolent purposes within the meaning of the section "Tax-privileged purposes" of the German Tax Code.

(2) The purpose of the organisation is the promotion of child and youth welfare, the promotion of education, adult education and vocational training as well as the selfless support of children and young people who are dependent on support as a result of their socio-economic environment.

(3) The purpose of the statutes is realised in particular by supporting the Township Boyz and Galz Matter - Mfuleni Youthcentre, N210 Ingwamza Street, Mfuleni, 7100 Capetown, South Africa (a website is currently being created), in particular through the targeted promotion of educational and sports offers in financial terms through donations in kind and monetary donations as well as in terms of service provision through the provision of counselling and support services on site. The purpose of the Articles of Association also includes the procurement of funds (material and financial resources) for the aforementioned purposes.

§ 3 Acquisition of membership

Natural and legal persons who declare their willingness to actively or materially support the purpose and objectives of the Association may become members of the Association.

(Membership is acquired upon written application by resolution of the Executive Board. The application should include the name, age, profession and address of the applicant. The applicant may lodge an appeal against a negative decision by the Board of Directors, on which the next General Meeting shall decide. The appeal must be submitted in writing to the Executive Board within one month of receipt of the negative decision.

§ 4 Rights and obligations of members

(1) All members are obliged to behave in accordance with the articles of association, the other regulations of the association and the resolutions of the general meeting.

(2) Members have a duty to promote the interests of the Association and to support the objectives of the Association and to refrain from doing anything that is contrary to the reputation and purpose of the Association.

(3) The Executive Board must be informed of any change of address.

§ 5 End of membership

(1) Membership ends through resignation, expulsion or death, in the case of legal entities also through loss of legal personality. A member may only resign at the end of a calendar year. It shall be effected by written declaration to a member of the Executive Board with a notice period of 3 months.

(2) Members may be expelled by resolution of the Executive Board if a member has seriously violated the objectives and interests of the Association, no longer fulfils the requirements of the Articles of Association or remains in arrears with the membership fee for 3 months despite two reminders. Expulsion can take place with immediate effect.

(3) The member must be given the opportunity to justify or comment before the decision to exclude is made. An appeal against the exclusion decision may be lodged within a period of one month after notification of the exclusion, which shall be decided by the next General Meeting. The member's further rights and obligations shall be suspended until the General Meeting following the expulsion.

§ 6 Bodies of the association

The bodies of the Association are

a) the General Meeting, b) the Executive Board.

§ 7 General Meeting

(1) All members of the association have one vote at the general meeting.

(2) The ordinary general meeting takes place in the first half of the year. It is convened by the Executive Board. The invitation shall be sent 14 days in advance by email by the Executive Board with notification of the provisionally set agenda to the email address last known to the Association. Members who do not have an e-mail address are invited by letter. The following applies to members invited by letter: the deadline begins on the day following the dispatch of the invitation letter. The date of the postmark shall apply. The letter of invitation shall be deemed to have been received by the member if it is sent to the last address provided in writing by the member of the Association.

General meetings can be held as a face-to-face event, virtually or hybrid.

(3) An extraordinary general meeting shall be convened if the interests of the Association so require. At the written request of at least 10% of all Association members, the Executive Board must convene an extraordinary general meeting within 6 weeks. The Executive Board may convene an extraordinary general meeting at any time. The members' request must include the desired agenda item.

(4) As the highest decision-making body of the Association, the General Meeting is responsible for all tasks, unless certain tasks have been assigned to another body of the Association in accordance with these Articles of Association. The General Assembly elects the Board of Directors from among the members. The person with the most votes is elected.

(5) The General Meeting may vote the Board of Directors out of office.

(6) The General Meeting shall accept the annual report of the Board of Directors to be presented annually and grant discharge.

(7) The General Meeting shall decide on the annual budget of the Association to be submitted by the Executive Board.

(8) The General Meeting shall constitute a quorum if it has been duly convened, irrespective of the number of members present. It elects a chairperson from among its members. Resolutions are passed openly by a show of hands with a majority of votes, unless the meeting decides otherwise. In the event of a tie, a motion is deemed to have been rejected.

(9) Notwithstanding paragraph 8 sentence 3, two thirds of the votes cast at the General Meeting are required to amend the Articles of Association. Resolutions on the dissolution of the Association require a four-fifths majority at the General Meeting. In both cases, more than half of the members of the Association must vote in favour.

(10) Minutes shall be taken of the resolutions of the General Meeting.

§ 8 The Executive Board

(1) The Executive Board consists of one person. The term of office is two years. Re-election is permitted. The current member of the Executive Board shall remain in office after the expiry of his/her term of office until a successor has been elected.

If the Board of Directors resigns prematurely, an extraordinary general meeting must be convened within 6 weeks to elect a new Board of Directors from among its members.

(2) The Board of Directors shall decide on all association matters, unless they require a resolution by the General Meeting. He/she shall implement the resolutions of the General Meeting.

(3) The Association shall be represented in and out of court by the Executive Board. Only the Board of Directors may dispose of the Association's accounts. He/she is authorised to grant powers of attorney.

(4) The Board of Directors may, by resolution, appoint a full-time managing director as a special representative in accordance with § 30 BGB (German Civil Code), who manages the day-to-day business of the Association and is the superior of the full-time members of the Association. Decisions on employment contracts, cancellations and membership admissions and expulsions shall be reserved to the Executive Board.

(5) The Managing Director has the duty to attend the General Meetings and the right and, at the request of the Executive Board, the duty to attend the Executive Board meetings. He/she has the right to speak at all meetings and is accountable to the bodies of the Association.

(6) Amendments to the Articles of Association that are required by supervisory, judicial or financial authorities for formal reasons may be made by the Executive Board on its own initiative. These amendments to the Articles of Association must be communicated to the next General Meeting.

§ 9 Financing of the Association

The necessary financial and material resources of the Association are raised through

- a) Membership fees
- b) donations

(2) The membership fees are decided by the General Meeting.

A simple majority of the voting members present at the general meeting is required to determine the amount and due date of the membership fees.

§ 10 Honorary allowance, reimbursement of expenses

Association offices are generally exercised on an honorary basis.

(2) Members and employees of the Association are entitled to reimbursement of expenses incurred as a result of their work for the Association.

In the case of expenses in excess of € 20, the Executive Board shall decide on the reason and amount of reimbursement by resolution.

§ 11 Cash audit

(1) The General Meeting shall elect a cash auditor for a period of two years, who may not be a member of the Executive Board or a committee appointed by the Executive Board and may not be an employee of the Association.

(2) The auditor(s) shall audit the Association's cash and accounts, including the books and receipts, at least once per financial year and shall submit a written report to the Executive Board.

(3) The cash auditor shall submit an audit report to the General Meeting and, if the cash transactions have been conducted properly, shall request that the actions of the Executive Board be approved.

§ 12 Association regulations

(1) Association regulations may be issued in particular to regulate the organisation of meetings, sessions and conferences of the association's bodies, the rights and obligations of members, the association's finances, the management and administration of departments and the organisation and promotion of youth work.

(2) The association regulations are not part of the articles of association and may not contradict the articles of association. Association regulations are issued, amended or cancelled by the general meeting.

§ 13 Dissolution or cancellation of the association, discontinuation of tax-privileged purposes

In the event of the dissolution or cancellation of the Association or the discontinuation of tax-privileged purposes, its assets shall be transferred to Save the Children Deutschland e.V., Seesener Straße 10-13, 10709 Berlin, which must use them directly and exclusively for tax-privileged purposes.