

CHARTER in English

CHARTER of “ENALLAKTIKO POLITISTIKO ERGASTIRI” (ALTERNATIVE CULTURAL WORKSHOP)

In Corfu today, on the ... of February, 2010, we, the undersigned hereto, have agreed and jointly accepted the following:

To form a nonprofit Association, governed by the Civil Code provisions regarding associations.

Article 1

Formation - Seat

The name of the Association is agreed to be “ENALLAKTIKO POLITISTIKO ERGASTIRI” (ALTERNATIVE CULTURAL WORKSHOP) and the Municipality of Corfu, situated in the Prefecture of Corfu, is agreed to constitute the seat of the Association.

Article 2

Duration

The duration of the Association is indefinite.

Article 3

Purpose

The purpose of “ENALLAKTIKO POLITISTIKO ERGASTIRI” is the selfless and noncommercial exchange of knowledge and information, through natural and unconstrained teaching procedures, in both the artistic and the wider educational field, with an aim to create a second chance cultural workshop for all those who desire to start acquiring or further expand their knowledge on several subjects. The basic pursuit of this undertaking is to reach children of social minorities and, on a secondary level, to reach socially or economically excluded persons who, regardless of age, have been excluded from several forms and types of knowledge.

Article 4

Objectives - Realization

i. Objectives:

The undersigned aim:

- a.** To establish an organization that shall constitute an exclusively self-managed social structure based entirely on voluntarism.
- b.** To promote alternative sociopolitical practices and personal attitudes, on both an operational and a social intervention level.
- c.** To make manifest the existence of a different form of self-organization and self-determination of social groups.
- d.** To introduce the concepts of direct democracy and consensus to organizational forms of social coexistence.
- e.** To promote a different way of viewing life, capable of replacing the conservative and alienating values of today's society.
- f.** To support creative work through interaction.

ii. Realization:

A. On a strictly nonprofit basis, the Association will organize lessons, seminars, lectures, speeches and performances aiming at the free distribution of ideas, knowledge, information and updates on all possible artistic, scientific or other subjects of human knowledge. In this institutionally liberal and open teaching procedure, whoever desires to take part as an educator or learner, or both, can have a chance to do so.

B. Three levels of activities will be formed:

First, there will be lessons in music, painting, chess, dancing and shadow theatre, along with lessons in Greek and international literature, sociology, philosophy, mathematics, sign language, astronomy as well as classes for children with learning disabilities, offered within the area selected as the association's headquarters.

It is categorically stated that the Association cannot, by definition, assume formal educational duties, since it is not an institutionally established educational organization. The lessons fall into the field designated, in general terms, as "unconstrained natural education" and every kind of pecuniary transaction is excluded. Additionally, no certifications can be granted and no particular teaching program or methodology is adopted.

Second, the Association will create, within the aforementioned area and under the same name ("ENALLAKTIKO POLITISTIKO ERGASTIRI"), a theater and a cinema group and will organize presentations and lectures in diverse topics, the contents and conclusions of which shall be published in the association's free bimonthly newspaper.

Third, the members of "ENALLAKTIKO POLITISTIKO ERGASTIRI" will insist on holding its plenary sessions once a month in an outdoor

area within the center of the city or in any other outdoor area situated within the Prefecture of Corfu.

Article 5

Operating Principles of the Association

The basic operating principles of this Association, which are binding for both its members and its bodies, are the following:

1. The democratic principle of consensus in decision-making processes.
2. Transparency in all kinds of activities.
3. Equality among members.
4. Open access to all information and free procedures of deliberation.
5. Collectivity in decision-making.
6. Defense of personal freedom and respect for private life.
7. Exclusion of any and all kinds of manipulation by political parties and political party interests.
8. Exclusion of any and all pecuniary transactions.

Article 6

Member Contributions – Funds

The members' normal contributions will mainly take the form of voluntary work, while occasionally, when a certain need arises, money and various types of equipment will be accepted as contributions to assure that the aforementioned lessons and activities are properly conducted.

Contributions and donations by third parties, be they physical or legal persons, are regarded as funds of the Association other than the aforementioned types of contributions and their acceptance will be decided by the general meeting of the Association.

Article 7

Association Members

Every person who has completed the 18th year of age can become a member of the Association, provided that the applicant is not disqualified from this right pursuant to the law. In order to register as a member, the interested person must submit a written application to the competent three-member committee, which shall be appointed by the General Assembly, in which statement the applicant shall declare to unreservedly accept the Association's

charter. The members may leave the Association, freely and at their own will, whenever they desire so, in which case they may re-register without any time restriction, or they can be expelled following a decision of the general meeting in any case of violation of the terms and conditions hereto.

Article 8

Member Obligations

The members of the Association are obliged to:

- a) Contribute to the fulfillment of the Association's objectives.
- b) Participate in the Association's decisions and activities.
- c) Defend the articles of the Association's charter as well as its principles and decisions.
- d) Offer their work voluntarily and pay their part of the occasional money contributions, whenever it is decided by the General Assembly.

Should a member be unable to offer or pay its contribution, then the part of that member shall be covered by the contributions of the other members, and in no case may the member in question be indicted for that reason.

Article 9

General Assembly

The General Assembly is the supreme body of the Association and comprises all its members. The General Assembly expresses the will of its members and decides on every subject, pursuant to both the law and the Association's charter, by utilizing the democratic consensus principle.

The General Assembly shall be held regularly once (1) in every three months, or extraordinarily, whenever a member asks for its meeting. In this occasion, the meeting will be held within a period of ten (10) days, on the member's own initiative.

Members will be informed via any and all written or oral means.

Decisions may also be reached without a meeting of the members, provided that all members of the association, without any exceptions, have stated in writing their consensus in a particular suggestion.

Decisions taken by the General Assembly can be contested before the competent Court, in case they have been reached in violation of this Charter or any other law provisions.

Article 10

Responsibilities of the General Assembly

- A. The primary role of the General Assembly is coordinative and organizational.
- B. The General Assembly decides, in a plenary session, the amendment of this Charter or the disbandment of the Association.
- C. The General Assembly appoints the execution of its decisions to a three-member committee staffed by the Association's members.
- D. The General Assembly appoints its representation in and outside Court to any one of its members.
- E. The General Assembly appoints the management of its affairs to a three-member committee.

Article 11

Sessions of the General Assembly

- A. Decisions may be reached only in plenary sessions of the General Assembly. Any resumed session is bound to uphold the aforementioned commitment.
- B. All decisions are taken by consensus.
- C. All decisions taken in violation of this Charter are considered null and void.

Article 12

The Association is nonprofit and all of its members are liable for its debts.

Any issue not stated in this agreement shall be solved in accordance with the judgment of the General Assembly, pursuant to the guidelines set hereto, the legislation in force, and the provisions of the Civil Code.

THE FOUNDING MEMBERS