



## **Constitution of the Children's Identity and Citizenship in Europe Association**

1. The Association shall be known as Children's Identity and Citizenship European Association (CiCea).
2. The aims of the Association shall be to:
  - (a) to advance the education of the public, in particular but not exclusively those who work with children and young people in education and training in citizenship in a European and World context;
  - (b) to promote research in citizenship education and identities in a European and World context and to disseminate the useful results of such research for the public benefit.
3. In order to create a cross-national community of scholars, the Association may:
  - (a) Initiate, support and facilitate the organisation of workshops, seminars and working groups.
  - (b) Organise conferences which will act as a forum for the aims of the Association.
  - (c) Contribute to the formulation of policy concerning research, learning and teaching in the above areas.
  - (d) Facilitate contact between members in order to promote cooperation, collaboration, joint enterprises and research within the community.
  - (e) Publish newsletters and other materials.
  - (f) Do all such other lawful things as shall further the above objects.
4. Membership of the Association is open to any of the following categories of institutions or individuals who has an interest in the education or professional training of those who work with children or young people, in the areas of the development of identity, citizenship education and related areas:
  - (a) A Department of a University or other Institute of Higher Education, whether in Europe or elsewhere (a corporate member),
  - (b) An other association, institution or body with interest in this area (a corporate member),
  - (c) An individual (an individual member),
  - (d) An honorary member.
5. All members shall pay an annual subscription, as specified in the Standing Orders.
6. The Annual General Assembly of the Association shall take place at the Association's conference, or, failing a physical conference, by electronic conferencing.
7. The Association shall be governed between Annual General Assemblies by an Executive Committee, the membership of which is set out in the Standing Orders.

8. The Annual General Assembly shall (whether it meet at a conference or electronically):
  - (a) receive the report of the Executive Committee
  - (b) accept or otherwise the proposals for the offices of Secretary or Treasurer, should such office be due for renewal
  - (c) discuss any other relevant business.
9. An Extraordinary General Assembly of the Association shall be convened if twenty per cent of members formally request the secretary to hold such a meeting.
10. The Treasurer and one other member of the Executive Committee are empowered to administer the finances of the Association and are responsible to the Committee and to the membership of the Association.
11. The Constitution may be amended at the Annual General Assembly provided that written notice of any proposed amendment shall have been circulated to the membership of the Association at least 2 months before the date of the Annual General Assembly.
12. Proposals to dissolve the Association shall be subject to the same requirement as for amendments set out above. Any assets remaining in the possession of the Association after the satisfaction of debts or liabilities shall be given to such charitable institution or institutions, having similar aims to those of the Association, as approved by the Annual General Assembly.
13. No Committee member shall be liable for any loss to the property of the Association arising by reason of any improper investment made in good faith (so long as he/she shall have sought professional advice before making such investment), or for the negligence or fraud of any agent employed by him or her or by any other Committee member (provided that reasonable supervision shall have been exercised), although the employment of such an agent was strictly not necessary or expedient, or by reason of any mistake or omission made in good faith by a Committee member hereof, or by reason of any other matter or thing other than wilful and individual fraud, wrongdoing or wrongful omission on the part of the Committee member who is sought to be made liable.

## **Standing Orders of the Children's Identity and Citizenship in Europe Association**

1. There shall be two categories of membership and subscription. The Executive Committee shall propose which will be set at a Corporate and an Individual rate that shall be set by the Executive Committee on a basis that recognises disparities in individual incomes and in national wealth.
2. Honorary members may be proposed by the Executive Committee and approved by the General Assembly.
3. Every two years, there will be an election for a President elect. They will serve for two years as President elect, for two years as President, and for a further two years as Past-President. Elections shall be organised to ensure that there is due regard for the geographical and regional representative nature of the Executive Committee.
4. The President Elect of the Executive Committee shall normally be nominated and elected in a secret postal ballot, in which each Corporate Member shall be able to cast ten votes, and each Individual member one vote.
5. Only members of the Association (as Individuals, or as members of a Corporate member) are eligible to be elected or serve on the Executive Committee.
6. The President, President Elect and Past President shall propose a Secretary and a Treasurer to the Annual General Assembly prior to a vacancy being due for approval. Each of these shall serve for a period of four years, which may be renewed. In making such proposals, the Executive Committee shall have, as far as possible, due regard for the geographical and regional representative nature of the Executive Committee as a whole. The Executive Committee will make arrangements to fill any of these five offices, should a vacancy arise, in the spirit of these standing orders.
7. The Executive Committee may hold further elections for additional members, if there is adequate funding to support such participation. Such members shall serve for four years or the duration of that funding base, whichever is shorter.
8. In the event of such project funding, the Executive Committee may co-opt the Coordinator or Executive organiser of such a network project as a full member of the Executive Committee.
9. The Executive Committee shall normally meet at least twice a year. Reasonable travel expenses for these meetings, if not available from other sources, shall normally be reimbursed by the Association's Treasurer. Additional meetings or expenses must be agreed in advance.

***This text shall be the legally-binding version of the Constitution and Standing Orders***