

STATUTE OF THE ASSOCIATION

"INSTITUTE OF RADICAL IMAGINATION" Acronym "IRI"

Name - Registered office - Aim - Duration

ART. 1. - DENOMINATION

The Association named "Institute of Radical Imagination" acronym "IRI" is constituted.

ART. 2. - LEGAL OFFICE

The association is based in the Municipality of Naples, in Via Francesco Solimena n. 139.

The association establishes from time to time its operational headquarters by proximity with the interventions and territories, relying on the structures willing to host.

ART. 3. - AIM, VALUES, ACTIVITIES

The association is set up as a cultural association, a non-profit collective body.

The association aims to be a traveling research center, as well as a shelter for intellectuals and artists who are precarious and at risk, a radical museum and a cultural-political body that generates ideas and applied knowledge that respond to specific urgent needs on the territories. The association is a think-tank that invites experts - political scientists, economists, jurists, philosophers, sociologists, anthropologists, architects, IT experts, activists and artists - to share knowledge on a continuous basis and to work nomadically to define and implement areas of post-capitalism on the global level, with particular attention to the Mediterranean and socially marginalised areas in the territories of Western capitalism.

The association is configured as an intellectual logistic infrastructure that operates on existing networks and territories in the artistic, academic and activist fields. Ideally, the association's actions are aimed at supporting realities of self-organized activism and museums/cultural institutions, even if these institutions are not officially represented, favouring flexibility for the creation of real relationships and reducing bureaucratization to the maximum extent.

This institutional constellation will possibly also involvethose progressive Municipalities interested with the Institute in the defence of cultural heritage, common goods and experiences of high socio-political value. In this sense the association intends to be a new independent, autonomous and collectively managed institution.

Aim

The association aim is:

- to bring together art, activism and pedagogy for a transition to a post-capitalist society;
- to co-produce the institute itself as a post-capitalist institution - or "new-institution" - which operates as an interface between the institutional domain of universities, museums and social centres;
- to create processes of mutual contamination between artistic institutions and political organisations - museums and social centres - for a convergence between art and life;
- to use art - its concepts, practices and skills - to experiment with forms of pedagogy and political economy;
- to use activist's networks and specialist knowledge outside the arts to democratise art and cultural institutions and build cultural heritage, rejecting both statist notions of public art and patronage within the cultural sector.

Values

The association

- believes that art is political prefiguration, political prefiguration is art;
- works in an open, consensual and collective way as reflected in its structure of governance;
- enhances and combines different urgencies, skills and results;
- is engaged in international solidarity actions;
- considers culture as a field of struggle and emancipation and encourages interdisciplinary approach and cultural experimentation as a critical attitude towards what we already know.

The association works on the implementation of six steps towards post-capitalism, also understood as six forms of commoning: economy, work, law, architecture, the person and education.

Its fundamental values are inspired by anti-racism, anti-fascism and anti-sexism.

The association does not pursue profit, the realisation of economic activities is exercised in an complementary way with respect to the main activity which is the realisation of the aforementioned aims; the one and only aim of economic activities is to obtaining means to reach the purpose of public utility as provided in the Statute.

Activities

The association can make use of every instrument useful to reach the social aim as long as this is coherent with its values and its Statute and in particular it will perform the following institutional activities:

- a) collaboration with self-managed and/or self-governed spaces, fight committees and informal communities;
- b) collaboration with local and state authorities, European and international institutions, also through the stipulation of special agreements or in partnership with other foundations, associations, companies or entities with similar or related aims to its own;
- c) realisation of research, artistic and cultural initiatives, also in collaboration and in co-production with public and private, national and international Institutions, as well as through any other form of management consistent with the aim of the Institute;
- d) dissemination, planning, organisation – even upon request or on the basis of appropriate funding – of educational activities and seminars in its vocational areas either directly or through public or private bodies, structures and organisms to which it may adhere or which it may constitute in association with similar institutions;
- e) production and publication of study and illustrative teaching materials and aids, also of a multimedia nature, on its own behalf and on behalf of third parties, concerning research, artistic, cultural and political activities;
- f) collection, cataloging and conservation of artistic and cultural activism material;
- g) promotion of national and international conferences, dissemination of study and research activities, promotion of any other activity aimed at disseminating and supporting research, activism, art and cultural exchange such as meetings, debates , exhibitions;
- h) promotion, coordination and management of training, professional update, specialisation and retraining activities in the sectors of research and artistic, cultural and political activism;
- i) promotion of agreements with cultural institutions, academic institutions, national and international scientific bodies;
- l) creation of relationships with schools and universities for information and training, encouraging the political and cultural growth of the community;
- m) incentives for research and experimentation.

For the best achievement of its aims the association can also:

- a) carry out activities of production and sale of products linked to research and artistic, cultural and political activism in general, also with reference to the publishing and audiovisual sector;
- b) carry out any other cultural, political or artistic activity;

- c) perform – directly or indirectly – any instrumental or complementary activity necessary for carrying out its institutional activities;
- d) carry out economic or financial transactions, securities or real estate, aimed at pursuing the aforementioned purposes, provided they are consistent with the Statute and its values;
- e) participate in public and private tenders, both in scientific research and in the field of social and cultural promotion, in order to present collateral and functional projects for the realisation of the aims of the association;
- f) stipulate contracts of collaboration, project or research based, even part-time, to perform administrative and organisational functions, artistic or scientific consulting, or related to specific projects referring to the goals and initiatives of the association and supporting the realities collaborating with it;
- g) finance publications and cultural and artistic productions, material or immaterial, developed by the members or not, within the aims and projects sponsored by the association.

The association can not carry out activities other than those mentioned above, with the exception of either those directly connected to them, or those by their nature ancillary to the institutional once according to the Statute, as supplementary to them.

ART. 4. – DURATION

The duration of the Association is unlimited, unless the Assembly, with the majorities mentioned below deliberates for voluntary dissolution.

Patrimony – Membership fee – Associative exercise

ART. 5. – PATRIMONY

The patrimony of the association is constituted:

- by membership fees paid by the members;
- by any crowdfunding initiative and widespread participation campaign in support of the activities carried out in the areas of the statutory vocation;
- by any other contribution, either public or private, by institutions such as universities, museums and institutional partners, accepted in the ways and forms provided in this Statute
- by donations and sponsorships of private subjects, destined to management, accepted in accordance with the present statute;
- by the proceeds deriving from any collaboration contracts for research or artistic production concluded by the Association or by research or production contracts concluded by it, or by

- the carrying out of researches and productions commissioned and accepted by it, or by participation in consortia with other Italian and foreign institutions;
- by any other income that contributes to increasing social assets.

ART. 6. – ASSOCIATION FEE

The membership fee payable by the members is fixed by the Assembly, as described in the following art. 10. The membership fee is annual, it is not subject to revaluation, it is not divisible or repayable in case of withdrawal or loss of membership.

ART. 7. – ASSOCIATION EXERCISES AND FINANCIAL REPORT

Each association exercise begins on January 1st and ends on December 31st of each year.

The first association exercise will close on December 31st of the current year.

Within 120 days from the end of each financial year, the financial statements of the previous year and the preliminary financial statements for the following year will be prepared and approved, in accordance with the procedures established in the Statute.

ART. 8. – PROFIT AND MANAGEMENT ADVANCES

The surplus assets of each financial year can not be distributed, unless the destination or distribution is imposed by law.

The profits or the surpluses of management must be employed for the realisation of the institutional activities and those other activities directly connected to them.

Members

ART. 9. – MEMBERS

The association is a group of activists, artists, scholars, researchers and curators with a common interest in co-producing research, knowledge, action-interventions of artistic and political nature aimed at the implementation of post-capitalist forms of life.

The number of members is unlimited. The association favours and encourages horizontal relationships among the members and expands slowly and gradually, opening up to new members taking into account the continuity over time of the collaboration, the funds available to ensure the participation of all the members and the geographical balance and gender, in order not to distort the project. On this basis the bodies of the association evaluate and

establish the gradual enlargement to new members in a flexible way and in relation to the real life of the association.

Individuals or legal persons who recognise themselves in the Statute and in its values, and who intend to collaborate for the achievement of the association's aim can become members. Anyone intending to become member of the association makes a request to the President, who invites him/her to participate as observer in a first meeting/initiative of the association and at the next meeting the President submits the request to the binding and motivated opinion of the General Assembly of the members.

Member status is personal and non-transferable.

Founding members are those who have signed the constitutive act of the association and all those who, having participated in the constituent phase of the association since 2017, will present a letter of adhesion to the Statute by December 31st 2018.

ART. 10. - RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

The status of Member gives right to participate in the Assembly and express a voice to achieve consensus regarding the life of the Institute and its projects, and to assume institutional positions within the Bodies of the Institute.

Participation in the life of the association (Assembly, on-line meeting, telematic exchange on the google-group) is a personal commitment to its long-term action. Membership is free and voluntary, but commits to the observance of the Statute and its regulatory provisions, as well as of the resolutions that are issued by its bodies within the framework of the Statute.

All Members are required to pay a membership fee whose amount and payment terms are fixed annually by the General Assembly on the occasion of the approval of the budget, on the basis of the principle "each according to their own possibilities" and always in the respect of the principle of equal treatment as established above in art. 6.

Members are required to comply with the Statute and with the deliberations legitimately taken by the associative bodies.

The association recognises the value of knowledge and of cognitive and creative work, therefore, its members can be paid when they put their skills at the service of specific projects of the association.

The association will also finance – within the limits of the resources available – travel, board and overnight expenses for participation in the international meetings both for the members and for those who will be identified as invitees and consultants for the meeting in object.

ART. 11. - TERMINATION OF MEMBER STATUS

Member status is lost due to death, withdrawal or exclusion. The exclusion is deliberated by the Assembly in contradictory with the interested party once ascertained the non-compliance of the member's conduct with the provisions of the present Statute and of the deliberations of the associative bodies and provided serious reasons exist.

The member may appeal to the judicial authority within six months from the day on which the resolution was notified, according to art. 24 of the Italian Civil Code.

Bodies of the Association

They bodies of the association are

- a) The President and the Vice-President
- b) The General Assembly of Members

President and Vice-President

ART. 12. - PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT

The Association is administered by a President elected by the Assembly of the associates among its members, with the exception of the first President who is elected by the members in the constitutive act.

The President remains in office for two years and may be re-elected.

No compensation is due to the President, without prejudice to the right to specific travel reimbursements to follow the social activities related to his mandate.

The President is the legal representative of the association.

The President is responsible for signing documents and/or carrying out acts that commit the association to third parties.

In case of absence of the President, his/her powers are temporarily exercised by the Vice-President who will be designated at the same time as the President's appointment. Therefore, only in such eventuality the Vice President will have all the powers that the present statute recognises to the President.

The Vice-President also holds office for two years, can be re-elected and has no right to compensation, without prejudice also in this case to the right to specific travel reimbursements to follow the social activities related to his/her mandate.

The President has a function of impulse and stimulus to the activity of the association and to the exchange and communication between the Members. He/she:

- a) convenes the Assemblies of the Institute;
- b) ensures the drafting and conservation of the minutes of the meeting;
- c) ensures the preparation of the financial statements and of the preliminary financial statements to be submitted to the Assembly;
- d) coordinates initiatives and activities of the working groups resulting from the Assembly's resolutions, in full respect of their autonomy and self-government in order to implement the general directives established by the Assembly;
- e) reports with a brief report at the beginning of each meeting on the evolution of the activities in progress;
- f) provides for the keeping and updating of the register of members;
- g) ensures the keeping of records and accounting, the organisation and the conservation of the relative documentation;
- h) invites new potential members to attend the meetings and formalises their application to the Assembly;
- i) performs all executive functions delegated by the Assembly.

The President may delegate, from time to time, other associates to carry out single and specific activities.

General Assembly of Members

ART. 13 - GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MEMBERS

The General Assembly of Members is the deliberative body and meets at least once a year:

- to approve the financial statements of the previous year and the budget for the subsequent financial year;
- to approve the general guidelines for planning the activities of the following year;
- to establish the terms of the amount and payment of the membership fee with principles of non-exclusion and social equity.

Furthermore, the General Assembly of Members is competent for:

- the establishment of permanent or temporary working groups dedicated to individual projects for the performance of statutory and vocational activities;
- the drafting of regulations and the establishment of working groups open to elaborate specific proposals or to carry out the projects of the association;
- the renewal of the appointment of the President and the Vice-President;

- the expression of the motivated and binding opinion for the admission of new members;
- the removal of members in cases of serious non-compliance and violation of the Statute and or when their conduct proves to be against the founding principles of the association;
- the approval of any association regulations;
- resolutions on everything concerning the life of the Institute in accordance with the provisions of this Statute;
- the amendments to the present Statute;
- the possible dissolution of the association.

The convening of the Assembly is carried out in reasonable time, at least eight days before the date set for the meeting, by the Chairman and published by publication on the instituteofradicalimagination.org website, specifying the agenda, place, date and schedule. The convocation of the meeting will also be communicated to Members by e-mail to the e-mail address communicated to the President by each member.

The assembly must also be convened on a motivated request and signed by at least one tenth of the members, pursuant to art. 20 of the Italian Civil Code.

The Assembly may also be convened outside the registered office and must guarantee, where required also by a single member, the possibility of participating online. The Assembly can meet to deliberate on-line and / or electronically, provided that suitable means are used to guarantee the identification of the members by the Chairman and the possibility of actively participating in the discussion and resolution of the Assembly.

The Assembly develops relational methods that are oriented towards consensus and sharing of decisions among all the members, is constitutively critical of the traditional models of voting that develop methods of alliances, tactics and adhesions oriented to the opposition between blocks of associates. It therefore aims to create a community of heterogeneous, inclusive and that implements consensual decision-making models, as produced by the collective intelligence of all. In compliance with the constraints on the democracy of the association and in any case to ensure the proper functioning of the body, the Assembly is validly constituted and deliberates with the following majorities.

1) With regard to the resolutions concerning:

- changes to the Statute;
- election of social offices;
- collaboration agreements that provide for an economic outlay greater than a simple reimbursement of expenses;
- binding opinion on admission of new members and exclusion of members;
- approval of the budget and final balance and determination of the membership fee,

the Assembly is validly constituted with the presence of 3/5 (three fifths) of the members and decides with a majority of 4/5 (four fifths) of those present in the first two convocations.

If a decision is not reached in the first two convocations, in the following convocations the Assembly is validly constituted whatever the number of members present and decides with the majority of 3/5 (three fifths) of those present;

2) On all other resolutions, except as provided for in the following n. 3, the Assembly is validly constituted whatever the number of members present and decides with the majority of 4/5 (four fifths) of those present;

3) The provisions of the last paragraph of art. 21 of the Italian Civil Code, according to which, in order to deliberate the dissolution of the Association and the devolution of the assets, a favourable vote of at least three quarters of the members is required.

In any case, the assembly will have to take into account the dissent expressed by the members and hopefully find shared solutions, even as an alternative to those expressed by the majority of the members gathered in the assembly.

The functions of secretary are carried out by a person appointed from time to time by the assembled members.

Minutes of the assembly meetings are drawn up signed by the Chairman of the meeting and by the Secretary.

All members have the right to attend the meeting.

The assembly can assure all interested parties, even third parties, to take part and to speak to you.

The assembly is chaired by the President of the Association and, failing that, by the Vice-President.

In the absence of such subjects, the meeting appoints its Chairman by a majority of those present.

The Chairman of the meeting is responsible for guaranteeing the right to attend the meeting, as well as ascertaining the regularity of the meeting and the legitimacy of the attendees.

ART. 14 - DISSOLUTION

The association is extinguished for the achievement of its aim or impossibility to achieve it or for the loss of all the members, as well as for deliberation of dissolution by the general Assembly adopted with the majorities referred to in art. 21 of the Italian Civil Code.

In the event of dissolution, the Assembly appoints one or more liquidators and the assets of the association can not be divided between the Members, but, upon proposal and resolution of

the Assembly, will be entirely devolved to other organisations operating in the same or similar sector or however for public purposes.