



INTERNAL RULES

WORKING GROUP DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

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Article 1: Organisation

1. The workgroup European Union of the Deaf Youth Developing Countries, in short EUDY DC, was arise in 2008.
2. The legal seat of the EUDY is to be established in Belgium at the following address: Wetstraat 26/15, B-1040 Brussels. It can be transferred to any location in Belgium by sole decision of the Board and ratified by the General Assembly.

Article 2: Aims and Objectives

Art 2. Section 1. Aims

In keeping with the principles of full and equal citizenship for all the Deaf People in Developing Countries, which is without any sprit of profit, are:

- a. The EUDY DC shall, when necessary, use special, legal or administrative measures to ensure that Deaf Young people in every Developing European Country have the right to preserve their own sign languages, organisations and their cultural and other activities.
- b. To promote and supports the interests all the Deaf people in Developing Countries in Europe.
- c. To improve and support Youth National Associations of the Deaf, hereafter referred to as YNAD, in Europe is the main aim of EUDY DC.

Art 2. Section 2. Objectives

In furtherance of the above aim, EUDY DC shall have the following objectives:

- a. To support the activities of the YNADs in Europe's Developing Countries.
- b. To make representation to EUDY General Assembly and/or Camps, to the European and International Organisations related to Deaf Young in Developing Countries.
- c. To co-operate and work with the EUDY and EUD.
- d. To co-operate with the European Union, Council of Europe and/or European Institutions and organisations, that are working with Developing Countries.
- e. To work in co-operation with the World Federation of the Deaf Youth Section (WFDYS) own working group on Developing Countries and other advocacy organisations on behalf of Deaf Young people and other people with disabilities.
- f. To make activities on social, political, education level on behalf of the Deaf youth in Developing Countries.
- g. To support international activities through seminars and workshops
- h. To support Deaf people in reaching aims for their own country
- i. To empowering, to giving all the necessary information for the Deaf Organisations and a good basic to establish a Deaf Youth Committee or Association.
- j. To support any organisation of Deaf Youth camps/activities in Developing Countries.

- k. To inform about Deaf Awareness, Valuing Identities, Human Rights, Rights in Sign Language and to keep the Deaf Culture/Awareness.
- l. To provide information by the Website and/or paper and e-mails
- m. To receive, use, hold and apply contributions, requests or endowments, or the proceeds, thereof, in advancing the quality of life of Deaf young people in Developing Countries.
- n. To do all further things that are related, directly or indirectly, to the aims and objectives of the EUDY DC.
- o. To reach the aims in European countries. It can be reached by any international organisations which work in Europe. Like EUDY, EUDY DC follows the rules as applied on the CoE.

Art 2. Section 3. Definition of Developing Countries

1. With defining a developing countries, we are following the list as EUDY made it. This list is based on the World Bank's analysis of the economics. This list is available as attachment to those internal rules and at the EUDY.
2. However, if there is a country, who would like themselves to be classified as Developing Country, an official request must be made to the EUDY's board, who will reach a decision in cooperation with the working group.

Article 3: Committee

Art 3. Section 1. Members and election procedure

1. The committee shall consist of six (6) active members and one (1) observer or active, which is from the EUDY's board
2. Every interested Deaf to be in the committee of EUDY DC must be from a country in Europe
3. The choosing of a new committee member is carried out by EUDY DC and ratified by the EUDY board.
4. The interested Deaf should have the following competencies:
 - a. Skilled in International Sign
 - b. Skilled in written English,
 - c. Have knowledge about organisations,
 - d. Have working experience in Developing Countries,
 - e. Is an active member in at least one Deaf organisation in its country or everywhere and
 - f. Is able to take travel and accommodation expenses upon him/herself.
5. Any knowledge about the Deaf Issues and Studies is welcomed.
6. The interested must be Deaf and 18 – 30 year old.
7. If the candidate is not being accepted in the workgroup, he/she can be a volunteer for other things.

8. The committee member is elected for three years

Art 3. Section 2. Duties

1. One of the members of EUDY DC will inform about the group's work during any EUDY GA.
2. A member in EUDY DC may stay in the board for the maximum of 3 years.
3. The committee has to follow the rules as those internal rules provides and those of EUDY's
4. If a member of the group is not able to be present at a group meeting three times in a row, the person in question should retire from the group
5. If there are serious matters, in which a group member is not following up the internal rules or EUDY's aims, in cooperating with the whole group, the person in question will be suspended from the group.
6. The chairperson
 - a. Shall preside over meetings of the committee.
 - b. Is to have contact with EUDY board
 - c. Prepares and leads the meeting
 - d. Makes a agenda for the meeting
 - e. has the last responsibility for the working group EUDY DC
 - f. will make a short report for EUDY after every meeting
 - g. will share tasks with other EUDY DC committee members.
7. From her midst the committee will choose a new chairperson, if the last one resigns.
8. If a committee member resigns, he/she must hand in his/her resignation by sending a registered letter, duly signed by him/her. His/her resignation will take effect, one month after the date of sending of the letter.

Art 3. Section 3. Meetings

1. The committee shall meet at least twice a year or as business requires.
2. The meetings of the committee shall be held at a place mentioned on the invitation. The chairperson shall call such meetings. This shall be accompanied by a proposed draft agenda which will be submitted to all committee members.
3. We will have our meetings as standard at the EUDY's office in Brussels, but due to the unsure financial positions of the members, the chairperson has the freedom to look for other places to meet. At every meeting it will be decided where the next meeting will be.
4. The next meeting and the place must have been decided two months in advance.
5. The meeting will be validated if the number of the members is 4 and more .
6. One day is the minimum length of the meeting.

Ar t3. Section 4. Quorum and vote

The quorum shall always comprise a minimum of four (4) committee members. The committee shall take a decision by simple majority based on show of hands.

Art 3. Section 5. Replacement

1. Should a vacancy occur in the committee, he or she should be replaced by a new committee member as soon as possible. The replacement has to follow the application process.
2. If a member of EUDY DC wants to leave the working group, he/she has to inform this three (3) months in advance

Art 3. Section 6. Minutes

1. Minutes of every committee meeting are drawn up by a member of the committee,
2. The minutes of every meeting has to be signed by the meeting's secretary and the chairperson
3. The minutes will be send to EUDY board by the chairperson

Article 4: Territory Terms

The activities which EUDY DC can organise and support have to be held in Europe. The form of the support can be variety in camps, activities, seminars or workshops.

Article 5: Finances

The sources of income for the EUDY DC shall be:

1. The committee can draw up a project and a budget, to be sent to the board. There is however no guarantee if any financial contribution will be given
2. Subsidies, grants, gifts, contributions, donations, legacies and other provisions of wills and testaments given to support either the general aims or specific purpose of the EUDY DC.
3. Monies acquired by any other means, which are not in violation of the law.

Special Article 6

1. In the case those internal rules is not provided with, the committee has the competence to arbitrate.
2. The EUDY board has the competence to intervene in any cases which are giving the board any inconvenience.