

By-laws youthHansa

Preamble

The youthHansa is the youth organization of „DIE HANSE“. Its purpose is the exchange of opinions and experiences concerning young people.

The youthHansa network carries out concrete projects and helps to spread the Hanseatic spirit. A special concern is the improvement of communication among youth from different Hanseatic cities.

The youthHansa works towards a better connection between “Die Hanse” and the youth of the Hanseatic cities. Projects started by young people shall be supported as much as possible, especially in the field of international activities and co-operation.

Youth meetings and school partnerships will be organized with the help of the youthHansa delegates of the respective cities. The delegates shall use the connections to the other Hanseatic cities to achieve these

1 – General Regulations

1. The name of the group is “youthHansa” or any appropriate translation of the term to another language.
2. The official language is English. During free-time activities, only English or another language understood by everyone present shall be used.

2 – The Delegates

1. Each Hanseatic city sends youthHansa delegates who are between 16 and 26 years of age to the annual Hanseatic Days. The delegates must be sufficiently mature to discuss serious topics, willingly take part in work groups, pay attention to presentations, and be fluent in the English language. Each Hanseatic city may send as many delegates as it wants.

2. To guarantee continuity of work and a sufficient number of experienced delegates, there should be no exchange of a city's entire delegation at one time.
3. Each Hanseatic city has a vote. Only present members are entitled to vote. Abstentions are taken as non-registered votes.
4. Any delegate of the youthHansa can make a proposal. At the following meeting of the youthHansa the same delegate will present it in person. Simple majority adopts the proposal.
5. A two-thirds majority of the delegates who are present at an official youthHansa meeting is needed to amend these youthHansa by-laws.

3 – The Commission

1. The youthHansa Commission (yHC) is a network of five individuals with equal rights and duties. The Commission will appoint one spokesperson and one deputy spokesperson to represent the youthHansa at official meetings and at "Die Hanse". These spokespersons may be replaced whenever required.
2. Seats in the yHC:
 - a) All seats in the yHC have equal voting rights.
 - b) Simple majority democratically elects four seats at a youthHansa meeting for a term of two years. Candidates have to comply with the rules listed in § 5. They must be present at the youthHansa meeting to introduce themselves. Candidates may nominate themselves. They may be re-elected.
 - c) One of the seats in the commission can be open for re-election for one year if:
 - I. The so-called commissioner decides he or she is unable to fulfil the duties that the seat in the commission requires.
 - II. There is an unanimous decision of the remaining commissioners that commissioner in question is either unable or unwilling to, or not involved in the duties that the seat in the commission require.

1. A delegate from the yHC may be replaced if proceedings according to § 2 are initiated.
2. The Commission shall report on all activities of the previous year at the annual meeting.
3. The Commission will record the minutes of all meetings.
4. The Commission supervises the Departments and ensures that each Department has an active leader (Head of Department).
5. All issues, which are not covered by these by-laws shall be decided by the yHC.

4 – The Projects

1. Anyone may start and join any project. A new project has to be presented to the yHC before it may use the term “Official Project of the youthHansa“. The yHC reserves the right to not accept a project if none of the main goals of the youthHansa are met.
2. A single person who starts a project becomes the contact person to the yHC. If a group of persons starts a project, they choose a person to be the contact person. A contact person has the duty to regularly inform the yHC of the current activities of the project.

5 – Procedures

1. All proposals and nominations have to be submitted to the yHC at least three weeks before the next youthHansa meeting. The yHC has to inform the delegates of upcoming votes before the next youthHansa meeting.

6 – Departments

2. The Departments work on specific, youthHansa related topics. They ensure a continued work and exchange between delegation meetings.

3. Every delegate can join one or more Departments. All youthHansa delegates vote on the Heads of Department by simple majority.

4. Head of Department:
 - a) A Head of Department has oversight over projects and activities carried out within their Department.
 - b) They report back to the yHC, agree upon objectives for their work and coordinate activities between their Department's members.
 - c) In case of inactivity, a Head of Department can be replaced by the yHC to ensure continuous work in the Department. A majority vote of the yHC is necessary.

1. Areas for Departments
 - a) The Departments are active in various areas. These are:
 1. Finances
 2. Program Planning & Project Management
 3. Communications
 4. Key Relations (Business, Science etc.)

 - b) The delegates can propose for Departments to be created, merged or discontinued. Simple majority adopts the proposal.

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