

The youthHansa By-laws

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 goals.

§ 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 25 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.
- (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 may send as many delegates as it wants but only two delegates have the right to vote.
- (4) A proposal can be made by any delegate of the youthHansa. It will be presented in person by the same delegate at the following meeting of the youthHansa. The proposal is adopted by simple majority.
- (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 six individuals with equal rights and duties. The Commission will appoint one or two spokespersons to represent the youthHansa at official meetings and at “Die Hanse“. These spokespersons may be replaced whenever required.
- (2) Seats in the yHC:
 1. The Hanseatic city of Lübeck has one permanent seat with voting rights.
 2. The two Hanseatic cities in which the following Hanseatic Days will take place, each have one seat with voting rights.

3. The city in which the previous Hanseatic Days took place has one non-voting seat to provide experiences to the next organizer.
 4. Two seats are democratically elected at a youthHansa meeting by simple majority 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 reelected.
- (3) A delegate from the yHC may be replaced if proceedings according to § 2 V are initiated.
 - (4) The Commission shall report on all activities of the previous year at the annual meeting.
 - (5) The Commission will record the minutes of all meetings.
 - (6) All issues which are not covered by these by-laws shall be decided by the yHC.

§ 4 The Projects

- (1) Anyone may start any project. Anyone may 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 is 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 on the Hansa-website.
- (2) Delegates who are candidates for the yHC have to submit a resume that should contain
 1. personal information
 2. the goals they want to reach in the yHC
 3. a photo.

The youthHansa-Meeting confirmed these By-laws on Friday, 16th of June, 2006 in the Hanseatic City of Osnabrück / Germany.