

WORLD ALLIANCE FOR ARTS EDUCATION

Memorandum of Alliance

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1. The intent of this Memorandum of Alliance is to state:
 - The aims of the World Alliance for Arts Education.
 - The WAAE structure and roles of organisations in the Alliance.
 - The working relationships between organisations as they work in alliance.

2. The aims of the World Alliance for Arts Education are:
 - To utilise the strength and knowledge within trans-disciplinary, trans-national and trans-cultural arts education associations to the benefit of arts education in the 21st Century. WAAE will advocate for arts education at strategic political forums and levels, providing expert advice to pertinent key policy and decision makers such as UNESCO and WHO whilst concomitantly seeking, consulting on and distributing policy through respective networks.

3. In this Memorandum of Alliance the following interpretations are applicable:
 - 3.1 Memorandum of Alliance (MoA) means this document and supplementary or amending provisions that assist the WAAE.

 - 3.2 World Alliance for Arts Education (WAAE) means a collective of international arts education specific organisations. Currently (2012) the WAAE alliance includes:
 - International Drama / Theatre Education Association (IDEA)
 - International Society for Education through Art (inSEA)
 - International Society for Music Education (ISME)
 - World Dance Alliance (WDA)The WAAE will consist of one international organisation for each art form.

 - 3.3 The WAAE Executive Forum includes the presidents or their nominees from the allied organisations and the immediate past Chairperson of WAAE. The immediate past Chairperson has no voting rights. The WAAE Executive Forum will form sub-committees or strategic action groups as appropriate. The WAAE will also liaise with their respective groups regarding matters undertaken by WAAE.

- 3.4 All members of each organisation represented on the WAAE Executive Forum are automatically allied with WAAE.
4. The WAAE will operate and be managed as per the following:
- 4.1 WAAE Executive Forum will meet at least annually (face-to-face or via technology). Agendas, decisions and action will be agreed to by consensus, be respectful of WAAE's constituents' needs, and be respectful of WAAE aims and reputation.
- 4.2 WAAE Executive Forum will by consensus share the role of Chairperson. The WAAE Chairperson shall act in this role for normally one year. Upon consensus this may be extended. A term of office will commence in May each year (exact date to be decided by the Executive Forum). The Chairperson will delegate roles as appropriate and be the organisation's key point of contact and voice for WAAE. There will be due regard given to leadership balance and over time the Chairperson will be drawn from each art form organisation in the Alliance.
- 4.3 All WAAE business will be transacted through the WAAE Executive Forum, and members of the Executive Forum will report WAAE business to their own organisations.
- 4.4 The WAAE is an alliance that operates alongside its allied organisations and is not an umbrella organisation. The expected modus operandi is that of 'collaborative partnership' where the WAAE, as an alliance, represents the Alliance's common concerns and aspirations.
- 4.5 All persons on the WAAE Executive Forum will share roles and responsibilities equitably, making every effort to value the role of WAAE in advancing its aims.

4.6 The WAAE will only be dissolved by a resolution agreed to by all allied organisations, with each organisation providing a relevant notice of motion to this effect. Upon such a resolution the Executive Forum shall take all steps to wind up the affairs of the WAAE.

5. WAAE Activity

5.1 Should the WAAE co-host a WAAE summit/conference/event at local, regional or global level, the WAAE will enter into a memorandum of agreement with the co-host.

5.2 WAAE activity is motivated and undertaken by allied organisations' initiative, energy and needs. No WAAE allied organisation is financially liable for any WAAE summit/conference/ event.

5.3 As appropriate the WAAE may partner with like minded international organisations as agreed to by the WAAE Executive Forum.