

Manifesto (Stadgar) for the association Status Queer

Approved at the AGM 2021-07-21

### **The Association's Name**

**1 §** The associations name is "*Status Queer*". The association is an ideell förening.

### **The Association's Purpose**

**2 §** The purpose of the association is to build a more inclusive and vibrant LGBTQ+ community in Gothenburg through organising exciting and regular LGBTQ+ cultural events. This encompasses 3 main activities:

#### **1. Community Building:**

**"To cultivate a sustainable, empowering and inclusive LGBTQ+ community that cuts across boundaries of class, race, ability, age, sexuality and gender identity"**

★ By working with 7 LGBTQ+ publics, of which we define 5 key groups with higher priority. All work must be designed from an intersectional perspective with the most focus to be placed on our key groups:

- *5 key LGBTQ+ groups: working class, racialised, living with disabilities, elders and binary & non-binary trans people.*

- *7 LGBTQ+ Publics: 5 key groups, youth and families & children*

★ To deliver on our community promise, the community spaces we provide through cultural programming must be regular and frequent, with a minimum of one event a month.

#### **2. Cultural Sector**

**"To create a sustainable, vibrant and thriving LGBTQ+ cultural sector in Gothenburg."**

★ By bringing together coalitions of existing LGBTQ+ agents and support the development of new LGBTQ+ agents, artists and community builders.

#### **3. Enriching LGBTQ+ Lives**

**“To enrich LGBTQ+ people’s lives and connect LGBTQ+ Gothenburg to a broader national and international history and context.”**

- ★ By producing and supporting the production of LGBTQ+ culture which is for and by LGBTQ+ people, with priority given to culture for and by our key groups.
- ★ By drawing on the knowledges of LGBTQ+ people, communities and movements before us and in different international contexts.

These activities are organised to the benefit of the members, who will have both the right to decide what activities the association will do to achieve these purposes and to partake in their execution.

In addition to this, members will be eligible for a reduced ticket price to any paid event.

### **The association’s area of activity**

**3 §** The association is based in Gothenburg, Sweden.

### **The Association’s board**

**4 §** The board’s role is to represent the association, to protect its interests and to manage its affairs. The board shall act on behalf of the association unless otherwise specified in this document. The Board shall implement the decisions taken by the Annual General Meeting, manage the financial affairs of the Association and keep the accounts, and shall submit the annual report to the Annual General Meeting for the last financial year.

The board shall consist of the chair and at least two and not more than 6 other members. The number of total board members including the chair must always be an odd number.

The chair and the other members of the Board shall be appointed for the period from the Annual General Meeting until the end of the Annual General Meeting to be held one year later.

Only a member of the association may be appointed as a member of the board or as its chair.

The board shall meet as often as the chair deems necessary, but at least four times a year. The board shall also meet if at least half of the members of the board consider it necessary.

The meeting is quorum if more than half of the members of the board are present. In the event of a tie, the chair has the casting vote.

### **Signatories**

**5 §** The association's signatories are the chair and treasurer, plus one additional member/board member if the board so decides.

### **Financial Year**

**6 §** The association's financial year follows the calendar year: 1st January to 31st December.

### **Audit**

**7 §** The board shall be audited annually by an auditor appointed by the Annual General Meeting. The auditor shall be given access to the minutes of the board, the supporting accounts and other documents drawn up and/or included by the board.

### **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

**8 §** The AGM is the association's highest decision-making body. An ordinary årsmöte is held yearly before the 1st of June at a time and place decided by the board.

The call to the meeting must be made at least 2 weeks before either ordinary or extra AGM.

1. Election of the chair of the meeting
2. Election of a secretary for the meeting
3. Election of two agents to approve the meeting's minutes.
4. Election of a teller.
5. A decision as to whether the meeting is quorate and has been called in compliance with the manifesto.
6. Approval of the voting list and agenda.
7. Presentation of the board's activity report for the past year.
8. Presentation of the board's financial report for the past year.
9. Presentation of the audit.
10. Dissolution of the board.
11. Approval of a new activities plan and budget.
12. Election of the new chair and other members of the board.
13. Election of the new auditor.
14. Other business.

Any member wishing to have an item included in the agenda of the Annual General Meeting must present the item in writing to the Board at least one week before the Annual General Meeting.

Decisions on matters of major financial importance to the Association or its members may not be taken unless they have been included in the notice of the meeting.

**9 §** An extra AGM can be called at the discretion of the board or at least 15% of the association's members call for it.

**10 §** At the AGM each member has 1 vote and the meeting shall be quorate with the number of members present at the meeting.

### **Membership**

**11 §** Any physical person who wants to work towards the organisation's purpose and pays the annual membership fee at the AGM can become a member.

Members do not own the association's assets and are not responsible for the association's debts.

### **Expulsion of a member**

**12 §** A member may not be expelled from the association for any reason other than that they have failed to fulfil their obligations, actively worked against or attempted to work against the attempted activities of purposes or activities of the association, violated the association's code of conduct, or prejudiced the interests of the association.

Before expulsion the member must first be informed of the reasons their membership is being called into question. A decision on expulsion may not be taken before the member has been given the opportunity to express their opinion within a period specified by the board, which shall not be less than 3 days. The decision must state the reasons for exclusion. The decision shall be notified to the excluded member within 14 days of the decision.

### **Changing the manifesto**

**13 §** Amendments to this manifesto can only be made at the AGM. Intention to discuss this must be announced a week before the AGM.

To amend the manifesto, at least 3/4 of those entitled to vote at the AGM must vote in favour of the proposal in order for the amendment to be implemented.

### **Dissolution of the association**

**14 §** The Association may be dissolved by two consecutive AGMs. At the meetings, at least 3/4 of the participants entitled to vote must vote in favour of dissolution. In the event of dissolution, any assets of the association shall be donated to another association with similar activities or sold with the proceedings and any other liquid assets being donated to a cause or organisation for LGBTQ+ rights and quality of life betterment.