

## **German-English Association (GEA), Munich**

### **Statement of Principles**

*As adopted by an Extraordinary General Meeting  
on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2009*

1. The association has no separate legal existence and comprises individuals participating in cultural, sporting and social events of their choice, offered via the communication channels of the association (programme, website, and mailing list) and organised by individual volunteers or event teams.
2. Having no legal existence, the association does not provide insurance cover for events, organisers or participants and accepts no responsibility whatsoever for damages, liabilities, injuries, or losses of any kind that may be sustained by persons organising or participating in such events. All persons organising or participating do so entirely at their own risk.
3. The organisational structure of the association consists of a network of volunteer event organisers, individuals and teams, supported by volunteers; and of teams maintaining the communication channels of the association (programme, website, mailing list). As there is no definition of a member of an association with no separate legal existence, which charges no membership fee and issues no membership accreditation, organisers shall whenever necessary represent the participants. Organisers shall meet (in person or by using electronic communication) from time to time to discuss matters of mutual interest.
4. Events shall be non profit making and self-financing, all costs being borne by the participants. The GEA has no funds, nor a bank account. Each organiser shall ensure that participants contribute what has been agreed for each individual event. Costs for website provision and other communication channels shall be financed via donations. If a surplus on an event should arise the event organiser shall hold and utilise such monies for a subsequent event or activity. Where no such subsequent event or activity shall take place the organiser, at their discretion, may donate such surplus to another activity (including publicity activities) of the GEA.
5. Teams are responsible for their own continuity, recruitment of suitable successors and for, eventually, the handover of responsibilities. If no suitable successors can be found for an event team, that team will dissolve. If no suitable successors can be found for the communications team then the event organisers as a group will meet to recruit those needed.
6. The Association will not become financially affiliated to or dependent on other organisations.
7. This Statement of Principles shall be displayed on the GEA web site [gea-muc.de](http://gea-muc.de). Any proposed changes to these Principles must be publicised at least one month in advance through the communication channels of the GEA.