

# DAN Rules

## Name of the group

- The name of the group is DAN (Disabled Artists' Network). DAN is a Not-For-Profit project run by Villayat Sunkmanitu trading as Wolf Photography.

## Aims and Objectives

- To promote creativity as a coping mechanism for disability
- To raise funds for DAN
- To provide art related activities for the local, national and international community of disabled artists and other artists.
- To co-operate with other bodies having similar aims.
- To maintain an active social side to the group.
- To exhibit art, poetry, crafts and photography for disabled and non-disabled artists.

## Membership

- Membership is open to anyone that is a disabled or non-disabled artist that follow the organisation's rules.
- Membership shall be obtained by joining the various active groups online.
- DAN reserves the right to refuse membership without explanation.

## Group Officials

- The club shall not have an elected governing committee. This is to maintain the ethos, vision and direction of the group and its work with disabled artists. The group is a Not-for-profit project run by Villayat Sunkmanitu as Curator, Julie Genner as Assistant Curator and David Edge as Treasurer. Our Child Protection Officer is Angela White.
- In the event that replacement officials need to be recruited, the task shall be done by the surviving members. Care must be taken to recruit members that are committed to the group's aims. Anyone seeking to use DAN for personal financial gain must be removed from the group as soon as practicably possible and a report to be made to the wider membership.

## Meetings

- Meetings will be arranged as and when necessary to address group business.
- Decisions brought before the Group Officials are made by simple majority of the group members in attendance.
- Vote by "*proxy*" will be accepted at the discretion of the group members in attendance.

## **Financial Matters**

- The treasurer will be responsible for regulating the finances of the group. There will not be a membership fee, nor will any commission be charged to artists that sell their art through DAN exhibitions. The focus is to inspire people with disabilities to use some form of creativity as a coping mechanism for disability.
- Villayat Sunkmanitu trading as Wolf Photography is responsible for the day-to-day running of the group and its associated costs.
- Payment of group insurances etc will be made by Villayat Sunkmanitu trading as Wolf Photography.
- The group will not provide monetary gain, incidentally or otherwise to its officials or membership. Any sale of art is to be done by the artists and their buyer. DAN or Villayat Sunkmanitu trading as Wolf Photography must not be involved.
- Funds raised by the group may only be used specifically for the purposes for which they were sought and only when there is a specific need. There is no need for general fund raising as the group's running costs are already covered.
- The group will be responsible for applying for sponsorship or grant funding from any bodies deemed appropriate when a specific need is identified.
- In the event that the group ceases to operate leaving residual assets, the group will donate the equipment to another arts group with similar goals tied in with disabled people.

## **DAN's Policies & Confidentiality**

All group officials and members should be aware of the group's policies and must adhere to them, particularly anti-bullying and anti-discriminatory policies as detailed on the group website. In addition, group members must be sensitive to the issues of people seeking Political Asylum and people that are escaping abusive relationships or other physical harm. Their confidentiality must be maintained. We must ensure that we know whose photographs and names can be used on Social Media etc – a warning must be given at public photoshoots so that they may remove themselves from the photoshoot.

All Group members must have an Enhanced DBS certificate as volunteers.

## **Ratification**

- The Group Officials held a virtual meeting on the 5th day of March in the year 2021. It was the unanimous view of all the Group Officials that this document be adopted as our Group Rules.