



## BEING ARCI'S MEMBER

By choosing to become a member, you gain access to all the different Arci clubs in your city.

This way you become an active participant in the organization, with all the privileges and duties that membership implies; you can utilize its services and participate in all the activities, and you can also become involved by sharing your ideas and giving of your energies to their planning and realization.

In addition by joining Arci, you become the keeper of the flame of the idea that links all club members: Your shared passions will result in joy, reflection play and commitment.

Being a member means:

- Knowing, agreeing with and respecting your club's statute,
- Becoming an active participant in the club's life,
- Exercise your right and duty to vote during the reunions,
- Participating in the discussion and approving the annual budget, voting for the club's officers, and, if you so choose, being a candidate,
- Being committed to affirming the value and dignity of every human being, setting aside gender, religious, sexual orientation and national differences, respecting human rights, putting into practice tolerance, peace, cooperation and solidarity,
- Becoming involved in local community problems, your activity to help those who are defenseless, to promote cultural and social growth in the community,
- And finally keep in mind that play, joy, happiness are inalienable assets shared by everyone and that each one of us has the duty to defend.

## STARTING A CLUB

**We are a group of friends who happen to be musicians; we want to play and rehearse together and invite our other friends to listen to our music, but we don't have a place to go...**

**How can we find a space where to cook our own food, listen to music, look at our movies and invite the local community to join in with us...**

**My friends and I want to do something concrete to try and change the world. Where do we start...**

**The answer to these situations is simple:** If you have an interest, a passion, a desire to become involved first hand, form an association and start an Arci club.

Forming an association provides the foundation on which to carry out your ideas. It can be a wonderful adventure, a life forming experience, a way to network, and, from employment point of view, it can be an important training experience...

Joining Arci gives you access to our country's largest social and cultural organizational network.

### But what is a club?

It's a not for profit group made up of people who want to promote cultural, recreational and social action.

### And How Does It Work?

- The Charter is the organization's first official act.
- The Statute is that set of rules that regulate the club's life; they apply to all members.
- The Membership Card allows you to attend all events, activities and to participate in the club's daily life, as well as that of the national organization.
- The Assembly is made up by the club's members; it chooses the yearly program, votes the budget, elects the executive committee.
- The Executive Committee puts in practice the program, elects the club's president, and carries out the Assembly's programmatic mandate.
- The President, as established by Italian laws, is also the club's legal representative.

### When can a club not be started?

A club is not a store or a coffee shop, but the concerted effort of a group of people who, without any profit motive, come together to develop their common interests, therefore there are no owners or founding members (i.e. individuals with special privileges)

Instead it's possible by following the rules set by the legislature, to work in a club and receive compensation for it.

If you start a club and join Arci, support, services and technical advice will always be available to you.

- Advice (legal, financial and organizational) on the current laws
- Legal assistance and insurance services
- Commercial contracts for you purchases
- Support for the programming of cultural, social and international cooperation activities

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