



# MOVIMENT GRAFFITTI STATUTE

1. **Name, Logo and Flag:** The name of the movement is MOVIMENT GRAFFITTI. The logo shows the name MOVIMENT GRAFFITTI in black with a red star on the 'I' of MOVIMENT.

2. **Aims and Objectives:** Moviment Graffiti is active against the oppression and exploitation of people, the environment and animals, with a vision of freedom and radical democracy. Moviment Graffiti is a leftist movement, and is independent from any economic power or political party. However, Moviment Graffiti can make alliances as it sees fit. A leader does not exist in Moviment Graffiti, and its members are all volunteers. Moviment Graffiti does not hold any objective to make any sort of profit.

3. **Membership:** To become a member, one has to pay a fee of €10 a year. Anyone who agrees with the objectives of Moviment Graffiti is eligible for membership. To become an "Active Member" - i.e. a member with voting rights - one must have attended at least three Moviment Graffiti activities within two months, been active in at least one working group, and shown commitment to the movement's work. A new Active Member must be nominated by an existing Active Member, whose application is subject to the approval of Active Members present at the meeting. A new Active Member is guided by an existing active member who must ascertain that the new Active Member understands and is included in the movement's work. Active Members have access to online groups to discuss certain internal matters of Moviment Graffiti. The decision whether an Active Member should continue to be considered as such is at the discretion of the Active Members present at the meeting.

4. **Decisions:** Decisions in Moviment Graffiti are taken by consensus, and there must be motivation and work to achieve consensus. When consensus is not reached, decisions within the movement are taken by simple majority, which means there are more votes for than against among the Active Members present. The abstentions are not calculated, but if a majority of votes are abstentions, another vote has to be taken to determine if the discussion should be continued.

5. **Minority Rights:** Should there be a minority of members who disagree with the a decision taken by Moviment Graffiti, this minority has the right to make its voice heard

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in public about its personal opinion, and the right not to participate in that which was decided by the majority.

6. **Management:** The meeting of members is responsible for managing the movement between one Moviment Graffiti general meeting and another. At this meeting, to be held about once every two weeks, or as needed, political, administrative, ideological and strategic decisions are taken, among others. The minutes of the last meeting may be read and reports of any correspondence, statements, writings and broadcasts that appeared in the media are to be given. Periodically, an account of financial statements should be presented. The meeting is facilitated by a Facilitator, to be appointed at the meeting, and a Secretary to take down the minutes. At the meeting, Active Members as well as members and interested people can attend. However, only Active Members can vote. Should the need to discuss confidential topics arise, people who are not Active Members may be asked to leave the meeting. All those present may propose topics for discussion on the agenda of the meeting of members. Moviment Graffiti implements an internal policy and procedure aimed at providing a safe space for all.

7. **Activism:** Moviment Graffiti is active through non-violent direct actions, demonstrations, protests and campaigns, as well as by ideological actions such as statements, publications, discussions and cultural activities. Moviment Graffiti members have the right to propose activities and the duty to participate in these activities. If any members do not agree with an activity, they have the right not to attend. If necessary, at a meeting of members, it shall be decided who should be informed of activities. During activities, that which had been decided on at a meeting of members should take place. Between one meeting and another, the movement can send out press statements but the process for approval of the statements must be democratic.

8. **Working Groups:** Moviment Graffiti may appoint working groups on topics, campaigns and specific activities. The goal of the working groups is to facilitate the work and increase the activity of Moviment Graffiti. The working groups always have to report to Moviment Graffiti and their recommendations are subject to the approval of the movement. The working groups shall not in any way be other bodies within Moviment Graffiti.

9. **Studenti MG** (known to the bank as FUJC): All members of Moviment Graffiti who are students are automatically members of the Studenti MG. Every year, Studenti MG appoints members with roles. Studenti MG must meet regularly. Studenti MG should report to Moviment Graffiti, and any decisions taken are subject to the approval of

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Moviment Graffiti. Studenti MG has its own accounts (including a bank account), which are part of the general accounts of Moviment Graffiti; i.e. with the designated name " Moviment Graffiti a/c Fergħa Università' u Junior College".

10. **Finance:** The Moviment Graffiti treasurer is signatory to all bank accounts and banking transactions.

11. **Roles:** A member with a role in no way has authority over other Active Members. Members showing interest in a role can do work related to this role, in accordance with Active Members. The roles may include, among others, those of Facilitator/s; Secretary/-ies; Officer/s of Public Relations; Treasurer; Editor/s and Publisher/s. For each role there may be more than one person. Roles are decided at a meeting of members. Members with roles should ensure that members without a role are not prevented from participating in that role. Member with a role should see how to divide the skills involved in their role with interested members. For this purpose, workshops could be organised.

12. **Facilitator:** The facilitator formulates an agenda for a meeting of members at the beginning of the meeting. Anyone present may propose topics for the agenda. The facilitator organises the agenda items according to their importance, and ensures that each item does not take more time than required. During the meeting of members, the facilitator gives permission to speak to those present. The facilitator keeps order during the meeting of the members and therefore has the authority to suspend those who may not behave well.

13. **Annual General Meeting:** The Annual General Meeting is the highest authority of Moviment Graffiti, and takes place in January of each year. All members of Moviment Graffiti must be notified of the meeting at least one week before the date thereof. At the Meeting, the reports of members with roles and working groups are read and approved. At the Annual General Meeting, people who have been members of Moviment Graffiti for at least six months, as well as Active Members, have the right to propose changes in the statute, items for discussion, and to vote. Decisions are taken by simple majority if there is no consensus.

14. **Extraordinary General Meeting:** At least three Active Members of Moviment Graffiti have the right to request in writing, for specific reasons (e.g. changes in the statute), an Extraordinary General Meeting, which shall be convened within a month or less of their request. All members of Moviment Graffiti shall be notified at least one

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week before the date thereof. The voting rules applicable to the Annual General Meeting shall apply in this case as well.

15. **Dissolution:** The dissolution of Moviment Graffiti can be agreed only by the members at a meeting dedicated only to the discussion of dissolution, where all Active Members are informed of the same meeting at least one week before the date thereof. For the movement to be dissolved, there has to be agreement by 100% of the members present. In the event of dissolution, the funds and property of Moviment Graffiti are to be transferred as decided in that same meeting. The funds and property of Moviment Graffiti should be transferred to another organisation with similar aims and objectives to those of the movement. All Active Members have the duty to give their contribution in any process involved in the dissolution until everything is officially finalised.

16. **Statute:** The interpretation of this statute between one general meeting and another is that of the members. In the event of a situation which is not covered by the statute , the decision of active members present at the meeting of the members shall be final.

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