

APPLICATION FOR ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Freies Radio Innsbruck – FREIRAD Verein zur Förderung der Medienvielfalt und der Freiheit der Meinungsäußerung

Association:	
Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	

Type of membership & annual fee:

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| ☐ Individual (employed) | | Euro 50,- |
| ☐ Individual (discounted) | | Euro 25,- |
| ☐ Kulturpass-owner | | Euro 0,- |
| ☐ Club/association, group, initiative | | Euro 120,- |
| ☐ Supporting member* | | Euro 240,- |

*Want to make an even bigger difference and help secure FREIRAD's financial future? **Become a supporting member** for an annual fee of €240,-.

Please pay membership fees either in **cash** at the office (Egger-Lienz-Straße 20/Stöckelgebäude, 6020 Innsbruck, Austria) or by **bank transfer** or **payment** to:

Konto: Freies Radio Innsbruck FREIRAD, IBAN AT07 2050 3033 0316 1388
Verwendungszweck bzw. Zahlungsreferenz: *Name + Mitgliedsbeitrag mit Jahreszahl*

As an extraordinary member of the association, you are part of the FREIRAD community and can take advantage of FREIRAD benefits (<https://www.freirad.at/Vorteile-nutzen/>): broadcast your own radio show, independently use the facilities, borrow the FREIRAD e-bike and other equipment, and participate in FREIRAD training programs at a reduced rate. You will also be invited to the annual general assembly and have the opportunity to actively contribute.

By signing, you acknowledge the statutes and guidelines of the FREIRAD association (<https://www.freirad.at/organisation/>) **and agree to comply with the Charter of the Verband Freier Rundfunk Österreich as well as the IT-supported storage of your data** (which of course will not be shared with third parties).

☐ **I agree to receive information from FREIRAD via email.**

Place/Date:

Signature: _____

CHARTER OF AUSTRIAN COMMUNITY BROADCASTERS

2020 Version

Community Radio and Community TV are non-commercial broadcasters. They are independent, nonprofit and not-for-profit media companies who provide open access to media production and its terrestrial and digital distribution to the general public. The goal is to enable the participation of a broader population, particularly in the context of terrestrial broadcasting, and thus foster a diversity of opinions within broadcasting. As third party broadcasters, Community Radio and TV stations complement public and commercial broadcasters to expand the diversity of opinions.

1. Open Access / Public Access

Community broadcasters offer all persons and groups the opportunity to express their opinions and disseminate information, within the legal framework, without censorship. Priority is given to social, cultural and ethnic minorities as well as to those persons and groups who have little or no voice in the media due to social marginalisation or gender or race-based discrimination.

2. Participation

Community broadcasters provide training, production and distribution facilities. They create platforms for local and regional media production as well as musical, artistic and cultural production. They welcome socio-political initiatives and perspectives from communities who are marginalised either socially or in the media. They encourage dialogue, and invite the local population to actively participate and reflect the social, cultural and linguistic diversity of their coverage areas.

3. Nonprofit status / non-commercial status / fair working conditions

Community broadcasters are not privately owned companies, but rather nonprofit organisations supported by their users. Their activities are not geared for profit and their programs are ad-free on principle. To strengthen their independence, they are financed through various income streams including public subsidies, membership fees, cooperation, donations and sponsoring. They promote healthy working conditions by paying fair wages and salaries.

4. Transparency / Organization

In community broadcasting, the organisation and selection criteria for programmes must be both transparent and verifiable, as well as publicly available. Employees must be proactive in issues of fairness and discrimination.

5. Local focus / regional development

Community broadcasters operate as local and regional media that influence positive and sustainable regional development on a social, ecological and economic level. According to the principle 'think global, act local', community broadcasters act as the mouthpiece for the local population, taking regional topics and productions to international networks and partnerships. Community broadcasters actively collaborate through ventures such as cooperative media libraries, program exchange or producing collaborative media, cultural, artistic or sociopolitical projects.

6. Independence / Journalistic Quality

Community broadcasters are unaffiliated with governmental, commercial, and/or religious institutions, nor political parties in terms of their ownership, organisational structure, or editorial content and programming. They advocate rigorous, independent reporting of uncomfortable truths and voluntarily commit themselves to the code of ethics of the Austrian press.

7. Anti-discriminatory & political stance

Community broadcasters are committed to a self-determined, emancipatory and solidarity-based society. They strive for freedom of expression, diversity of opinion, equality, human dignity and democracy. They actively work against discrimination based on gender, sexuality, social or ethnic origin, religion, race, physical or mental abilities, language or age. They advocate for a strong and united Europe and support the goals and values of the European Union.