



Y'S MEN INTERNATIONAL

AREA EUROPE

Poul-Henrik Hove Jacobsen, Rugvaenget 13, DK-7490 Aulum, Denmark

Tel. +45 9747 3797 - E-mail: hove@adr.dk

Area Service Director YL (YMCA relations) 1998-

Copy of

Principles of Partnership between European Alliance of YMCAs and Europe Area, Y's Men International

WHEREAS the European Alliance of YMCAs and Europe Area, Y's Men International base their actions and services on a Christian purpose and

WHEREAS these two area bodies are instruments of international awareness and have responsibilities for stimulation and coordination of their respective organisations and

WHEREAS these two area organisations are and should remain independent,

IT IS CONSEQUENTLY ACKNOWLEDGED that the European Alliance of YMCAs and Europe Area, Y's Men International are desirous of working towards new dimensions of partnership that will contribute to individual and collective growth and service at local, national, area and world levels.

THEREFORE, the European Alliance of YMCAs and Europe Area Y's Men International adopt the following *Principles of Partnership*

- 1. It is reaffirmed that the two organisations have a Christian basis from which originates the purpose of serving people, and that this service is carried out for all people without discrimination*
- 2. It is accepted that collaboration and support first require the identification of common objectives, and the selection of specific tasks, programmes and projects.*
- 3. It is recognised that this is the process both organisations are at the same level of responsibility and it is consequently expected that both should participate in the initial thinking, the development of plans, the funding, the implementation and the evaluation.*
- 4. It is expected that from whatever is carried out in partnership, both organisations should give and receive benefit.*
- 5. It is expected that both organisations should be open to the participation and involvement of the other at local, national, area and world level, thus strengthening the relationship and cooperation.*
- 6. It is recognised that the effectiveness of the partnership depends upon mutual trust and support, that the potential benefits are many and both organisations should assist each other's development in mutually acceptable ways. This should be reflected, in particular, by evidence of greater YMCA support for the extension of Y's Men International and increase of its membership, which in turn implies recognition of increasing potential of Y's Men Action as a service club for the YMCA.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the European Alliance of YMCAs and Europe Area, Y's Men International, by their proper officers duly authorized hereby affix their signatures on this second day of July 1999.

For the European Alliance of YMCAs
Jan Nissen
Johan Wilhelm Eltvik

For Europe Area, Y's Men International
Poul V. Thomsen, AP 98/99
Einar Øfsti, APE 98/99