



## **Constitution of the Free Egyptians Youth**

### **1 Name and object**

- 1.1 The name of the organization shall be “Free Egyptians Youth” (FEY), in Native Arabic “Shabab Almasreyeen Al-Ahrrar”.
- 1.2 The objectives of the Free Egyptians Youth shall be:
  - 1.2.1 To represent membership of the Free Egyptians Youth to Free Egyptians Party.
  - 1.2.2 To promote the values of liberalism & Free Egyptians Party principles amongst young people and students.
  - 1.2.3 To develop its members, branches and regional and state organizations to achieve these objectives.
  - 1.2.4 To comply and support the objectives outlined in Free Egyptians Party Constitution and to further the values and ideas laid down in the Preamble to the Free Egyptians Party Constitution.

### **2 Provisions Relating to the Constitution**

- 2.1 The constitution may be amended by two-thirds vote of Free Egyptians Youth Conference.
- 2.2 The Free Egyptians Youth shall have the power to:
  - 2.2.1 Campaign in support of FEP Candidates and in referendums as well as in support FEY or FEP’s policy, or on topical issues of concern to its members.
  - 2.2.2 Building the Capacities of its members and supporters.
  - 2.2.3 Affiliate to external organizations that are in line with its objectives.
  - 2.2.4 Raise and spend funds according to its financial regulations.
- 2.3 The executive and all committees of FEY will exercise their power by a majority vote, except where stated in the appended regulations.
- 2.4 There shall be the following regulations appended to the constitution, which may be amended by the resolution of Conference on two-thirds majority:
  - 2.4.1 Election Regulations.
  - 2.4.2 Conference Regulations.
  - 2.4.3 Constitution amendment.
  - 2.4.4 Such other regulations as conference deems appropriate that do not conflict with this constitution.

- 2.5 There shall be the following regulations appended to the constitution, which may be amended by the Executive:
  - 2.5.1 Executive Regulations.
  - 2.5.2 Financials Regulations.
  - 2.5.3 Such other regulations as the executive deems appropriate that do not conflict with this constitution.

### **3 Organization and Affiliations**

- 3.1 Free Egyptians Youth is the associated youth wing of the Free Egyptians Party for students and young people, in accordance with the Free Egyptians Party Constitution.
- 3.2 Free Egyptians Youth believe in the values of liberty, Democracy and Human Rights, and in the freedom of choice, Freedom of Assembly and expression by all peaceful means. Stressing equality of all citizens without any form of discrimination. Free Egyptians youth also believe in the importance of international cooperation and establishing balanced foreign relations that would build a strong and coherent bridges based on mutual interests which will lead to peace and stability in the region and globally. In order to achieve the above-mentioned principles we follow liberalism, free market economy and separation between religion and state.
- 3.2 Free Egyptians Youth will recognize and support the Regional and local branches of the Free Egyptians Youth operating at local levels and sharing its objectives.
- 3.3 Free Egyptians Youth may be affiliated to national, regional or international organizations that are in line with its objectives.

### **4 Membership**

- 4.1 The membership of the Free Egyptians Youth shall be:
  - 4.1.1 Automatically to Free Egyptians Party members who are students.
  - 4.1.2 Automatically to Free Egyptians Party members up to age 25.
  - 4.1.3 Free Egyptians Party members aged 25 – 35 upon payment of subscription fee as determined by Executive.
- 4.2 Individual supporters of the objectives of the organization may petition the Executive for associate membership.
  - 4.2.1 Associate membership shall be granted in accordance with procedures decided by the executive.
  - 4.2.2 Associate members are not allowed to attend and speak at the conference, and they are not be permitted to vote on or submit policy motions or constitution amendments.
- 4.3 Organization membership ends when member become 35 years old, except honorary life members.
- 4.4 Honorary Life Membership
  - 4.4.1 Conference upon the vote of simple majority bestow Honorary Life membership upon any person who significantly contributes towards the Free Egyptians Youth.

- 4.4.2 Nominations for Honorary Life membership shall be made by Free Egyptians Youth Board of Trustees.

## **5 The Executive**

5.1 Free Egyptians Youth shall have Executive which be composed of

1. Head of Youth wing.
2. Deputies
3. Fundraising Officer
4. Communication Officer.
5. Campaigns Officer.
6. Membership development officer.
7. Events officer.
8. Policy officer.
9. International officer.
10. Any FEY member who has elected to the bureaus of AYUFD, ALN, IFLRY or any regional or international network FEY affiliated.

5.2 Officers are elected as detailed in section 8.

5.2.1 The executive term shall run 2 years from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December the following year, provided that it retains the confidence of Conference.

5.2.2 Individuals may not hold more than one office in executive.

5.3 Officers may resign from their posts in writing.

5.4 All officers must be full members of Free Egyptians Youth.

5.5 Duties of the Executive:

5.5.1 The Executive in its Entity

1. Implement decisions made at Conference.
2. Promoting the organization objectives.
3. Producing a full and accurate handover report for their successors.

5.5.2 Head of youth wing

- Convene the Executive Committee.
- Represents FEY in FEP.
- Ensure the completion of the organization administrative duties.
- Ensure the organization is working towards fulfillment of its objectives.
- Managing staff members.

5.5.3 Deputy

- Coordinate internal communications for the organization.
- Assist Chair in his duties.

5.5.4 Fundraising officer

- Producing budgets, financial reports, annual accounts and financial regulations.
- Monitoring FEY's financial situation.
- Make recommendation to the Executive to raise funds.

5.5.5 Communication Officer

- Promoting the organization and its objectives in the media.

- Communicate with members.
  - Producing and developing communication channels.
- 5.5.6 Campaign Officer
- Recruiting new members.
  - Coordinating campaigns as decided by the Executive.
  - Coordinate the annual Freshers campaign
- 5.5.7 Membership Development Officer
- Planning training sessions to members.
  - Recruiting new members.
  - Identifying and supporting the training needs of members.
- 5.5.8 Events Officer
- Organize conferences, training and national events.
  - Coordinate FEY presence at FEP Conference.
- 5.5.9 Policy Officer
- Developing policy related to students and young people.
  - Overseeing FEY's Debate Club.
  - Overseeing procedures relating to maintenance of policies.
  - Working alongside with Free Egyptians Party
  - Work with Policy Committee and relevant training officer of the Executive to create and deliver policy training when appropriate.
- 5.5.10 International Officer
- Coordinate the FEY's International Agenda.
  - Managing relations with regional and international affiliates.
  - Advice policy committee on international Affairs and Foreign policy as required.

## **6 Committees**

- 6.1 Committee terms shall run 2 years from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December the following year, provided that it retains the confidence of Conference.
- 6.2 Individuals may not hold more than one voting position in each committee.
- 6.3 All committees must provide agendas and minutes of their meetings to Head of Free Egyptians Youth.
- 6.4 All members of Free Egyptians Youth Committees must be full members of the Free Egyptians Youth.

## **7 Board of Trustees**

- 7.1 The first Free Egyptians Youth conference shall vote to form Board of Trustees, with at least 3 Honorary Members.
- 7.2 Board of Trustees shall elect biennially an Honorary President, and up to six Honorary Vice-Presidents.
- 7.3 Board of Trustees is fully independent, and its honorary members will be entitled to attend, receive papers from and speak at Executive meetings.
- 7.4 Board of Trustees and its honorary members shall support advice and expertise to Executive, officers and committees of Free Egyptians Youth.

- 7.5 All Honorary members must be full members of Free Egyptians Party.
- 7.6 Board of trustees has the right to vote for its nominations to be honorary members in the board.
- 7.7 Board of Trustees shall adjudicate any dispute over the interpretation of this constitution and shall observe the internal organization democracy.
- 7.8 Board of trustees members have to be under 40 years of age.

## **8 Electoral Process**

- 8.1 elections shall be run as follows and as detailed in the appended regulations
  - 8.1.1 Candidates of Free Egyptians Youth positions must be members of the Free Egyptians Youth, for at least one year before the elections date.
  - 8.1.2 Where an elected position within the Executive or Committees falls vacant, the Executive shall have the power to fill the vacancy.
  - 8.1.3 May make the ballots electronically.
- 8.2 The Executive officers and Committee members are elected by secret ballot.
  - 8.2.1 The results of the elections should be available a month in advance of the new executive term.
- 8.3 Board of Trustees observe the Election process, and shall appoint Elections Committee Chair, who will be responsible of election process procedures.
- 8.4 Elections Committee Chair:
  - 8.4.1 Shall publish full timetable for nominations, prepare ballot papers, and the counting of the votes for each elections covered by these regulations.
  - 8.4.2 Shall have the power to disqualify before declaration of the results, or unseat if declared elected, any candidate who is found to be in breach of these regulations.

## **9 Resolution of Conflicts and Disputes**

- 9.1 Membership may be revoked by the executive, voting on a two-thirds majority, on one or more of the following grounds
  - 9.1.1 Material disagreement, evidenced by conduct with the fundamental values and objectives of the party.
  - 9.1.2 Conduct that has brought the party or the organization into disrepute.
  - 9.1.3 Standing against the candidate of the party in any Local or National Elections.
  - 9.1.4 Membership of or support for another political party.
- 9.2 Member shall be notified of the grounds on which revocation is to be considered and shall have given a reasonable opportunity to reply. In case of urgency, the Executive may suspend membership while revocation is being considered.
- 9.3 Any Person aggrieved by such a revocation shall have right of appeal to the Board of Trustees, who shall investigate the original ground for suspension and the Executive's decision, and shall have the power to reinstate the member.

- 9.4 Any person's membership suspended or revoked by The Free Egyptians Party, shall be automatically suspended or revoked from Free Egyptians Youth.

## **10 Conference**

- 10.1 Free Egyptians Youth Conference is the sovereign body the Free Egyptians Youth, and shall have the power to determine the policy of the organization, provided that they do not breach this Constitution, or the Free Egyptians Party Constitution.
- 10.2 Conference shall be held at least once a year, with further conferences held at the discretion of conference committee.
- 10.2.1 Conference location, dates, registration procedures and deadline will be promoted online and by means of an all members-emailing, as determined by the Executive. This will be followed by the publication of Conference Papers and Agenda 14 days before the Conference.
- 10.2.2 Conference shall has at least one session for each policy motions and officers Executive Report
- 10.2.3 Training sessions may be classed in the conference.
- 10.2.4 Conference may include the following items:
- Policy Motions.
  - Constitution Amendments.
  - Executive Reports.
  - Financial Report.
  - Honorary Life Membership approvals.
  - Other sessions as deemed necessary by the Conference Committee.
- 10.3 Conference shall run according to the appended regulations.
- 10.4 Chair may call for Additional Special Conference, limited to specific matter(s) in the request, upon:
- Decision of the Executive.
  - Request from 100 members from more than 5 different constituencies.
- 10.5 Honorary President shall chair the Election Conference.

## **11 Policy Processes**

- 11.1 policy shall be submitted as detailed in the below regulations and passed at Free Egyptians Youth Conference by simple majority.
- 11.2 Policy committee in co-ordination with Conference committee shall plan the conference session to discuss policies in debate mode.
- 11.3 After debate, Conference simple majority is needed to submit the policy.
- 11.4 Policy committee may issue annual book of policies reviewing policy debates in Conference sessions.

## **12 Financials**

- 12.1 Free Egyptians Youth is an accounting unit of the Free Egyptians Party, the financial accounts will be signed off by the Head of Free Egyptians Youth and fundraising officer, in accordance with Free Egyptians Party Bylaws.
- 12.2 The fundraising activities must follow the Egyptian Law and the Free Egyptians Party bylaws.

