Charter of the Esplanade des Religions and the Cultures

In its statutes, in Article 6, the association of the Esplanade des Religions and the Cultures provides for a charter that engages its members and which should be proposed to cultural and cultural associations that would wish to adhere.

This charter defines the fundamental principles of the relations between members and the main objectives of the project of the Esplanade des Religions and the Cultures of Bussy Saint-Georges.

These principles and objectives are as follows, starting from the slogan of the Association « A Bussy Saint-Georges vivre sa foi dans la Paix et l'harmonie »:

1) **The respect for other religions and the refusal of proselytism in the Esplanade**: Each member of the Esplanade des Religions and the Cultures engages not to try and impose, in any way, its religion and to respect the freedom of conscience of all.

2) **The desire to know other religions and cultures**: The attitude demanded from members is to develop a curiosity vis-à-vis of knowledge of other religions and cultures. The experience shows that a better knowledge of others facilitates respect and Peace.

3) **The desire to live in the relations of fraternity between religions and cultures**: This fraternity testifies to the fact that religions are the actors of concord and Peace and that they contribute to develop the spiritual dimension, in diversity of faiths and cultures. From the origin of the Esplanade, this fraternity is passed through relations of good neighborliness, through the participation in mutual religious festivals, through initiatives of common communities, etc.

4) **The will to act for Peace**: The peaceful relations lived between religions at Bussy Saint-Georges ensure the association's responsibility to act for Peace and the Harmony between the communities religious and cultural in our country and in the world. Consequently, the Esplanade des Religions and the Cultures supports, through diverse and adapted actions to the object of the association, initiatives of Peace between religions and cultures in France and in different countries of the world.

Any association member who desires to adhere to the association of the Esplanade des Religions and the Cultures or collaborate with it must engage on this charter, sign it and respect its principles.