

## Annual Report 2023 of Stichting Universel 'Murad Hassil'

Katwijk, June 2023

### Goal

- *Statutory objective of the institution. What does the institution want to achieve?*

The foundation aims to:

- a. the spiritual upliftment and the practice of prayer, meditation and silence for experiencing and spreading the Sufi message of Hazrat Inayat Khan, the bearer of the Sufi Message of love, harmony and beauty and the founder of the International Sufi Movement Association.
- b. organizing culturally, spiritually and/or religiously inspired activities and holding and facilitating meetings for this purpose;
- c. the preservation of the Universel Murad Hassil as well as the dune grounds around it, located in the Domaine land plot in the dunes in Katwijk at Zuidduinseweg 7, 2225 JS Katwijk aan Zee and to designate it as a sacred place, for the blessing of all who go there for the activities referred to under a) and b) and the performance of anything related thereto or that may be conducive thereto.

### Outline policy plan

- *What activities does the institution perform? When will which activities be carried out? And how do they contribute to achieving the objective?*

Meaningful exploitation of Universel Murad Hassil, based on the propagation of Hazrat Inayat Khan's Sufi message of love, harmony and beauty.

Ensuring better use of the Universel by ALL Sufi groups that have sprung up from Inayat Khan: The Universel is a home for all Sufis and all who are open to the message of love, harmony and beauty. Some highlights:

- Opening of the Universel as part of 'The Largest Museum in the Netherlands' (see below)
- Completion of renovation of ground floor with new furniture and new sanitary facilities
- Start project to make Universel more sustainable with a completely new heating system
- Official visit of Mrs. Esin Celebi Bayru (vice-president of the International Mevlana Foundation, 22<sup>nd</sup> generation granddaughter of Mevlana Celaleddin-i-Rumi)
- More activities: more concerts, more tenants

'The Largest Museum in the Netherlands' is a collaborative project between the Museum Catharijneconvent (Utrecht) and the 25 most outstanding places of worship in the Netherlands. The aim of this project is to open churches and other places of worship to the public more often. The collaboration started on September 1, 2023. Since then, the Universel has been every week open for visitors 3 times a week as well as on Sundays after the Universal Worship Service twice a month.

- *How does the institution receive income?*

Donations and legacies, income from renting out the building and voluntary contributions from various Sufi organizations.

- *In what way and for what purposes will the income obtained be spent? If your institution holds assets, enter where and how this assets are held*

The major renovation of the ground floor was completed in 2023: new and more spacious toilet groups, new sanitary facilities, a new wardrobe and the windows in the wall. New modern and good furniture was installed as well as new carpeting and a sliding glass wall.

The sustainability of the Universel het wakhuis was taken in hand in 2023. Solar panels were installed on the teahouse and the Universel, and the teahouse has now gotten rid of gas. The Universel will have a heating system with a heat pump and heat exchanger, powered by solar power. Fundraising for the project is still ongoing, but in the meantime everything has been initiated because the old installation was in urgent need of replacement. A sustainable solution is the only correct approach in these times. Sustainability is planned to be completed in May 2024.

#### **Remuneration Policy**

- *Remuneration policy for the statutory board, for the members of the policy-making body and for the staff.*

The Universel only has volunteers. The foundation does not employ any people.

#### **Activity report**

- *Name the activities that have been carried out. Or fill in the url to the activity report at the next question, or the url to the annual accounts if the activities of the relevant financial year are clearly described therein.*

In line with the policy of the board, the Universel is increasingly used by more and more groups.

- In June there was a multi-day retreat of the Sufi Way with Pir Elias Amidon
- In July the International Summer School of the Sufi Movement.
- In August there was a multi-day retreat with Pir Zia (Inayatiyya).
- The Sufi Contact Association also held a multi-day meeting in the Universel.
- Sufi centre Utrecht organized several open days together with independent Sufi centres.
- New events were added to the calendar: more concerts and special performances.
- With the growing number of concerts and events and increasing rentals, the board is increasingly able to achieve a balanced budget.

- However, a large buffer is still needed for the future.

## Finance

- Murad Hassil's rental activities increased from €47,891 in 2022 to € 48,445 in 2023.
- Donations from other Sufi organizations increased by € 13.557 from € 36,423 to € 50.198.  
Donations from private individuals increased by € 17,602 from € 16,922 to € 34.524.  
Subsidy from the municipality Katwijk € 7,000, regarding energy and culture education for children (in 2022: € 0 )
- All stock was sold in 2023. A positive exchange rate result of € 5,126 was achieved in 2023 (in 2022 there was a negative result of € 39,174).
- Investments in renovation and sustainability:

Renovation of the ground floor and purchase of furniture	€ 48,350
Making Wakilhuis more sustainable	€ 68,926
Sustainability Universel Murad Hassil	€ 153,829
- Operating expenses increased from € 34,042 to € 39,477.

## Future

- The board expects to continue the current activities in an unchanged form in 2023. Big steps have been taken in sustainability, the new heating system is expected to be ready in summer.