



# FANABRIQUES

Our name comes from the contraction of Fanatic and Bricks—one who's a brick fan. Originally, a few of us organized our first exhibition exclusively focused on LEGO in 2006 in Rosheim, France. Over the next two years this exhibition was renewed, and with each edition it became increasingly interesting for visitors. Before the fourth edition, we decided to create the association Fanabriques to organize future exhibitions.

In creating our association, we decided to propose more than just the organization of an exhibition. We have also created workshops for children and adults as well as activities around the LEGO brick. At the head of the association we have ten people who organize the various activities. Our association has 700 members, and they pay an annual fee and participate in our various activities. We are financed in part by membership, but mainly by entrance fees and drinks at the exhibitions we organize.

Our goal is to continue proposing ever-increasing activities around the LEGO brick, and to continue organizing our annual event in order to remain a European crossroads of AFOLs. Due to Covid it is difficult to clearly envisage the future, but our goal is to continue to offer our activities while working on new ideas and projects.

Our big show has been postponed and we do not yet know if its planned new date in October will prove possible. All our activities are based on meeting in person. We have had to cancel all of them, and have instead offered workshop

alternatives through the internet (Fan@home), and have offered lots of games and contests.

After a few exhibitions we managed to get in touch with LEGO France, so we have had support from them, and then also through the LAN. With the LAN, almost everything is centralized in Billund, but we have also maintained good relations with LEGO France. The General Manager of LEGO France, Eric Maugein, even came to our exhibition! He said it was the LEGO Woodstock!

We have released several LEGO-based boxes (sold at our exhibitions): Bugatti T35, Chateau d'Andlau, and Strasbourg Cathedral. In 2017, 40 members of our association visited Billund and the LEGO factory (following our registration via the LAN). We also got to see the LEGO House under construction!

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