

## AKUNNAQ CULTURE HOUSE



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# LES AMIS D'AKUNNAAQ

A nonprofit organization created in 2023 in association with *Amis du Manguier*



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Akunnaaq - Greenland



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**A little history:** *Les Amis du Manguier* is a nonprofit organization founded in 2007 to support artistic and cultural events, both in France and on the ship *Le Manguier* during its circumnavigation of the Arctic Circle, beginning in France and ending in Greenland. *Artistes en Arctique* residencies, which have welcomed more than 50 artists since 2015 and given rise to numerous publications, exhibitions and events, take place on board *Le Manguier*, surrounded by the seasonal ice pack at Asiaat and Akunnaaq on Greenland's western coast.

**Today**, however, global warming has made it impossible to continue to live on the ice park, as floes and random ice break-up have created an unstable and unsafe environment. Local populations are bearing the brunt of these changes, which have a direct impact on their way of life.



Culture House Founding Committee

## A NEW START

Thanks to the relationship forged between Friends of the Manguier and the people of the village of Akunnaaq, the idea of a new project and corresponding nonprofit was born. The villages of Greenland are the soul, the memory, and what makes the country unique. Their inhabitants live in close contact with the natural environment and the preservation their culture and history is critical. Friends of Akunnaaq was born out of this awareness with the following objectives:

- To support and assist the cultural and artistic development of the Greenlandic village of Akunnaaq, in all its human, technical, logistical and financial aspects.
- To promote and share this adventure with the widest possible audience.



2018: acting the foundation of the Culture House, Aasiaat Municipality

In particular:

- Organizing stays and artist residencies
- Launching publications, conferences and exhibitions
- Organizing cultural, artistic and/or nautical events and performances.

## THE PROJECT

# AKUNNAAQ A VILLAGE OF ART AND CULTURE



ANORI installation: Oijha  
(*Artistes en Arctique* 2018 residency)  
Photo : Roxane Terramorsi  
(*Artistes en Arctique* 2019 residency)

**In 2019**, with the support of Akunnaaq villagers and the larger Community of Communes of Qeqertalik (Aasiaat), Friends of the Manguier restored a village house, which is now the Akunnaaq Culture House.

**In 2022**, they launched the *Akunnaaq, Village of Art and Culture project*, its aim being to promote authentic cultural activities and to provide a place for artistic creation and reconnection with nature.

**The main objectives of this project are to:**

- promote Greenlandic art, crafts and culture;
- continue *Artistes en Arctique* residencies in the Akunnaaq Culture House, and encourage exchanges between artists and local residents;
- build up a collection of artistic works in the form of a local Art Gallery;
- welcome visitors to the area; create a thematic and artistic walking trail in and around both the village and the island of Akunnaaq.