

The Time Travel method and Bridging Ages in South Africa, 2006-2017

2004

In 2004 the Time Travel method was presented at Kalmar county museum in Sweden for a delegation from Cape Winelands District Municipality. After the presentation, the mayor of CWDM said: “This educational method we must bring to South Africa”.

The Regional Council in Kalmar County and Cape Winelands District Municipality wrote an MoU on friendship and cooperation.

2005

Two applications on the Time Travel method and folkbildning were developed by the Regional Council in Kalmar County, CWDM, Kalmar county museum and Öland’s Folkhighschool, submitted to the Swedish Art Council and Sida, but were denied.

2006

Western Cape

In the beginning of 2006, an application, again developed by the Regional Council in Kalmar County, CWDM, Kalmar county museum and Öland’s Folkhighschool on introducing the Time Travel method and Folkbildning in Cape Winelands/ Western Cape, was approved by Sala Ida/ Sida. The project was called “Living history in the local environment”.

The first delegation from the three Swedish partners came to Cape Winelands in January 2006. Already at the second visit, March 2006, the first Time Travel event took place, 1853 in Bain’s Kloof Pass. Later in the year the second Time Travel event was developed and implemented, Wolwekloof 1773. The first persons from South Africa were trained this year in the Time Travel method, both in SA and Sweden.

2007

Western Cape

The Time Travel and folkbildning project “Living history in the local environment” between Cape Winelands and Kalmar county continued for a second year. The project included training and implementation in the Time Travel method and folkbildning and establishing a Folkhighschool, Wolwekloof Learning Academy, in Cape Winelands. Four new sites were used for Time Travel events, Clanwilliam 2000 BC, Pniel Mission Station 1849 and Worcester 1976.

2008

Western Cape

This was the third and final year of The Time Travel and folkbildning project “Living history in the local environment” between Cape Winelands and Kalmar county. More training both in SA and Sweden and more Time Travel events.

Booklet

The booklet “This place has meaning. Case studies of Time Travels and Historic Environment Education in the Western Cape, South Africa 2006-2008” was published. A second extended

edition of the booklet was published in 2010 and a third, revised edition in 2012. (with case studies 2006-2010, also from Port Shepstone, KZN and Ikageng, Potchefstroom, North West.)

International conference

The Bridging Ages international conference was held at Worcester museum, Western Cape 8-10 October 2008, "Bridging Diversity". 110 delegates from eight countries.

SABC

Bridging Ages and the Time Travel method was the focus in a one hour live SABC TV program, African views, prime time on a Friday, 30 October at 8 pm.

KwaZulu-Natal

Kalmar county museum and ABF folkbildning organization got funding from Olof Palme International Centre/ Sida for a three-year project with Port Shepstone Twinning Association, KZN to promote the Time Travel method, starting 2008. The first Swedish visit in Port Shepstone was made in May/June 2008 and a local Time Travel committee within PSTA was elected. KZN Museum Service and Port Shepstone Museum had representatives in the committee. Trainings in Port Shepstone, Worcester and Sweden.

North West

Tlokwe City Council, Potchefstroom and the Regional Council of Kronoberg/ Växjö municipality, not far from Kalmar, signed an MoU in 2004. In 2007/ 2008, the Time Travel method was extended to Potchefstroom in a project between the Region Council of Kronoberg/ Växjö, the regional museum in Växjö, Kalmar county museum and Tlokwe City Council, funded by Sala Ida/ Sida. The first visit to Potchefstroom was made in February 2008 and a Time Travel committee was elected.

2009

Bridging Ages South Africa

Bridging ages South Africa was formed in 2009 and launched at Worcester Museum 28 October with 120 guests from all over the country and a few persons from Kalmar, Sweden. Tizzie Mangiagalli, Worcester Museum was elected the first chairperson, other board members were from Western Cape, KZN, North West and Mpumalanga. At a seminar before the launch the definitions, goals and the five principles of the Time Travel method were decided.

Western Cape

The Regional Council of Kalmar county, in partnership with Kalmar county museum and Bildningsförlaget in Sweden, CWDM, Cape Nature and Clanwilliam Living Landscape in SA, received funding from ICLD/ Sida for a two-year project to continue the Time Travel method in the Western Cape, "Bridging Nature, Heritage and Folkbildning". A new perspective in the Time Travel method was Landscape Education with Cape Nature and Clanwilliam/ UCT.

KwaZulu-Natal

The three-year Time Travel project, Kalmar-Port Shepstone, continued. After extensive research and workshops the first Time Travel events in KZN were held in October 2009 at the

Port Shepstone Harbour, 1905 and the Bambatha Rebellion. There were also presentations on the Time Travel method at several museums in KZN.

North West

The Time Travel project in Potchefstroom, Kalmar/ Vaxjo-Tlokwe, received funding for another year, 2008/ 2009, from ICLD/ Sida and the first Time Travel event in the North West was held in March 2009, "Ikageng 1986". Research and Time Travel trainings both in SA and Sweden.

Mpumalanga

Kalmar county museum was invited to Mpumalanga by the provincial Department of Culture. At a seminar at Pilgrim's Rest in March the Time Travel method was introduced.

SABC

A second SABC one hour live broadcast program on the Time Travel method, African views, a Friday at 8 pm in October.

2010

Bridging Ages South Africa

Louis Marais was employed from 1 January as full-time coordinator of BASA/ BAWC and the office at Worcester museum, funding from Western Cape Social Development.

The second national conference for BASA was held in Port Shepstone for two days in October, 120 delegates from all over the country and nine persons from Kalmar/ Sweden.

AGM

Western Cape

Bridging Ages Western Cape was formed in 2010, launched in October and a board elected. Because of the newly employed coordinator there were several presentations, trainings and events in Western Cape. From 2010 and onwards, BAWC has done many trainings/ workshops and 25-30 Time Travel events every year, mainly mixed groups, learners and elderly.

2010 was the second and final year of the Time Travel project "Bridging Nature, Heritage and Folkbildning", Kalmar-Western Cape. Workshops and Time Travel events, especially in Clanwilliam, Cederberg on san and khoi, also at a world heritage site on oland, Kalmar county.

Booklet "Folkbildning Africa" published.

KwaZulu-Natal

Third year of the Time Travel project, Kalmar-Port Shepstone, funded by Olof Palme International Centre. Several workshops, trainings and Time Travel events. Time Travel research on Gamalakhe, forced removal and on Bambatha rebellion. A public Time Travel event at Port Shepstone Harbour. Several presentations in other parts of KZN. PSTA organized the second BASA national conference in October 2010, see above.

North West

Two visits from Kalmar county museum in Potchefstroom/ Ikageng. More Time Travels on "Ikageng 1986".

A Legacy of Wisdom, Time Travel to 1986, Ikageng, Potchefstroom, 16 min video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0kPV14QSIV0>

Mpumalanga

Department of Culture organized a Time Travel workshop in November at Pilgrim's Rest, led by Kalmar county museum. The workshop included the first Time Travel event in Mpumalanga, Pilgrim's rest and the white miners' strike 1922.

2011

Bridging Ages South Africa

Third national BASA conference at Pilgrim's Rest, Mpumalanga, two days in November, organized by Mpumalanga Department of Culture, together with an Oral History Conference. AGM. The "This place has meaning" booklet was published in the Swati language: "Lenzawo inalekushoko".

Western Cape

Time Travel trainings and events continued, organized by BAWC. Landscape Education training with Cape Nature

KwaZulu-Natal

A one year extended project on the Time Travel method, between Kalmar county museum, ABF and PSTA, funded by Olof Palme International Centre/ Sida. Several workshops and events. An extensive training by Kalmar county museum for 5-6 Time Travel groups from various parts of KZN, Nyandezulu, Umzumbe, Eshowe, Port Shepstone, Pietermaritzburg. Launch of Bridging Ages KZN, October 2011

North West

Visits by Kalmar county museum, planning meetings

Gauteng

First workshop on the Time Travel method in Gauteng, by Kalmar county museum, March 2011, at Constitution Hill, for 6-7 museums and heritage organizations in Gauteng, Meetings at Hector Pieterse Museum

2012

Western Cape

Funding from ICLD/ Sida for a two-year project on elderly care and heritage within the Time Travel method, "More Living-Active Age", Regional Council in Kalmar county, Kalmar county museum, elderly homes in two municipalities in Kalmar county, CWDM, BAWC and service centers/ elderly homes in Cape Winelands. Meetings with elderly groups, research and training in SA and Sweden.

BAWC continues with Time Travel trainings and events. More Landscape education programs.

KwaZulu-Natal

The extensive Time Travel training by Kalmar county museum in KZN had two more sessions in 2012, finished in October. Big public Time Travel event on king Shaka in Umzumbe.

PSTA has since 2012 organized many trainings/ workshops and about 30 Time Travel events every year. KZN Museum Services also organizes several trainings and Time Travel events a year with their affiliated museums.

North West

Planning meetings with the Time Travel committee

Gauteng

Workshops in Kliptown to prepare for the Kliptown Time Travel. First Time Travel event in Gauteng, October 2012, on the Freedom Charter 1955.

First meeting, Kalmar county museum and Freedom Park.

Mpumalanga

Time Travel training and meetings, Kalmar county museum and Time Travel groups in Barbeton and Bushbuckridge.

2013

Bridging Ages South Africa

Fourth BASA conference, two days in Port Shepstone in October, organized by PSTA, 120 delegates, including a few persons from Kalmar, Sweden. Tizzie Mangiagalli resigned as chairperson and Gulshera Khan was elected the new chair. A three-year strategic plan, (2013) 2014-2016, for Bridging Ages and the Time Travel method in SA, was adopted.

DAC

First presentation of the Time Travel method at DAC by Kalmar county museum and BASA in March 2013, second meeting at DAC in October. Discussed cooperation Kalmar county museum-DAC-BASA, also including the Swedish Embassy.

Western Cape

The second and final year of the elderly project, More Living-Active Age, Kalmar-Western Cape. Two Time Travel events, five booklets published and big events with the elderly both in Worcester and Kalmar.

Landscape Education training and events, Kalmar county museum, Cape Nature and BAWC. BAWC continues with trainings and events.

An MoU on cooperation between Cape Nature, Kalmar county museum and BAWC was signed in May 2013.

KwaZulu-Natal

PSTA received funding from the National Lottery for Time Travel programs. Several trainings and events, organized by PSTA, KZN Museum Service and supported by Kalmar county museum.

North West

Time Travel event, Promosa 1971, Kalmar county museum and the North West Time Travel committee.

Mpumalanga

Workshop in Barbeton with Time Travel groups, led by Kalmar county museum

Gauteng

Workshops and meetings by Kalmar county museum at Constitution Hill, Hector Pieterse Museum, Freedom Park and Voortrekker Museum

2014

DAC, BASA

Funding from DAC and the Swedish Art Council (and to a minor extent the Swedish Embassy) for cooperation Kalmar county museum-DAC, also BASA, started in September 2014. The project included an extensive training in the Time Travel method for five heritage organizations/ museums in Gauteng/ North West. The training took place in October/ November 2014 and February/ March 2015 and included scenario writing and Time Travel events in Ikageng, Constitution Hill, Kliptown and Freedom Park.

Gauteng

Time Travel training, see above

First Time Travel events at Freedom Park and at Constitution Hill

North West

Time Travel training, see above

Western Cape

Funding approved from ICLD/ Sida to continue the project on elderly and heritage, More Living two, Regional Council in Kalmar county, Kalmar county museum, elderly homes in two municipalities in Kalmar county, CWDM, BAWC and service centers/ elderly homes in Cape Winelands. Workshops and meetings

KwaZulu-Natal

PSTA and KZN Museum Service continue the work on the Time Travel method

2015

Bridging Ages South Africa

Fifth national BASA bi-annual conference was held for three days in March 2015 at Freedom Park, Pretoria. The conference was part of the cooperation DAC-Kalmar county museum. Opened by the deputy Minister of Culture. 110 delegates from the Bridging Ages provinces, including a few from Sweden and Finland. Gulshera Khan resigned as the chairperson and Jabulani Phelago was elected the new chair.

DAC

Second year of the cooperation project between Kalmar county museum-DAC on promoting the Time Travel method and an extensive training in Gauteng/ North West. The final Time Travel events within the training were organized in February/ March 2015, see above.

Voortrekker Monument chose not to complete their event. The project ended with the BASA conference, see above

In October South Africa and Sweden had its ninth Bi-National Commission in Stockholm. In the minutes was mentioned support for the Time Travel method. Pre-meeting between the Ministries of Culture in Stockholm in June 2015.

Gauteng

Training, see above

Public Time Travel event on the Freedom Charter, 60 years, held at Walter Sisulu Square in Kliptown in June, organized jointly by DAC, BASA, Kalmar county museum, Regional Council of Ostrobothnia, Bridging Ages and Kliptown Museum. 400 participants from several provinces, from Gauteng and Kliptown and two from Sweden/ Finland. A booklet on the event, Freedom Charter 1955-2015, was published in 2017.

Launch of Bridging Ages Gauteng, November 2015

Freedom Park, as an agency of the Department of Arts and Culture, has financially supported a number of activities such as hosting two BASA national conferences (2015, 2017), jointly hosting an international seminar (2016) and several Time Travel events in the Gauteng province.

Western Cape

BAWC continues their Time Travel work. Landscape Education training with Kalmar county museum, Cape Nature, BAWC.

KwaZulu-Natal

PSTA and KZN Museum Service continue their Time Travel work. PSTA received funding for one year from the National Lottery. PSTA published the booklet "Seven Steps Guide Book".

Northern Cape

First presentation and workshop on the Time Travel method in Northern Cape, July 2015, at McGregor Museum, Kimberley: DAC, BASA, Kalmar county museum, Bridging Ages.

Training on the Time Travel method in Northern Cape, first session in Kimberley in November, including a Time Travel event to 1907 at Rudd House.

2016

DAC, BASA, BA

A three-day international expert seminar was organized in March at Freedom Park, Pretoria by Bridging Ages, BASA, DAC, Freedom Park, Kalmar county museum, Regional Council of Ostrobothnia, Swedish and Finnish embassies. 34 delegates from 7 countries. Agreed on what the Time Travel method is: definitions, goals, five principles, Time Travel process and event.

Kalmar county museum, Bridging Ages, Regional Council of Ostrobothnia, BASA and DAC organized Time Travel trainings in Northern Cape, Western Cape and KZN, see below.

In January 2016, the two Ministers of Culture, South Africa and Sweden, met in Pretoria and signed a Letter of Intent, including support for the Time Travel method.

At the Bridging Ages international conference in Kalmar in September an MoU was signed by Freedom Park and Kalmar county museum on cooperation, "Social Cohesion and Community Building through the Time Travel method". A three-year plan was developed. The conference was opened jointly by the Swedish Minister of Culture and the South African Deputy Minister of Culture.

Northern Cape

Second session of the Time Travel training in April 2016. Time Travel events in Kuruman (1825 at the First Eye), Galeshewe 1955 and Wildebeest Kuil 1856, see above.

Western Cape

Time Travel/ Landscape Education training in Mamre with Cape Nature, see above
BAWC received funding for one year from the National Lottery for Time Travel work.

2017

DAC, BASA, BA

Sixth BASA national conference/ seminar in Feb/March, three days in Pretoria, Freedom Park and the Finnish embassy hosted. together with a Heritage Education seminar. Organizers: BASA, DAC, BA, Regional Council of Ostrobotnia, Kalmar county museum. 40 delegates. AGM. Jabulani Phelago reelected as chairperson, two representatives from each province on the BASA board.

DAC, BASA, Kalmar county museum, Bridging Ages, Regional Council of Ostrobotnia, continued to work together for promoting the Time Travel method in SA: First workshop on the Time Travel method in the Free State, Bloemfontein and in Eastern Cape, Mthatha, in March. Workshop on the Time Travel method in Mpumalanga, Bethal. Presentation for North West Department of Culture in Mafikeng. First presentation on the Time Travel method in Limpopo. All nine provinces now have Time Travel groups.

First session of Time Travel training for representatives from North West, Free State, Eastern Cape, Mpumalanga and Limpopo, at Freedom Park, Pretoria, in October.

Western Cape

Public Time Travel event at the Castle of Good Hope, Krotoa 1668, connected to Human Right's Day in March, 300 participants. Organized jointly by DAC, BASA, BAWC, BA, Kalmar county museum, Region Council of Ostrobotnia.

Workshop and Time Travel event with Cape Nature.

Gauteng

First Time Travel event at Mogale City Museum, Krugersdorp, 1919 and the court case of Dadoo

KwaZulu-Natal

PSTA and KZN Museum Service continue. Big Time Travel event in Gamalakhe

Northern Cape

Time Travel events and workshops by the NC Time Travel group/ McGregor Museum.

Key notes/ Summary on the Time Travel method in South Africa

Introduction and first Time Travel event in the provinces

The Time Travel method was introduced in *Western Cape*, South Africa in January 2006 in a project between Kalmar county, Sweden and Cape Winelands District municipality.

The first Time Travel event was held in March 2006, Bain's Kloof Pass 1853.

North West, Potchefstroom. Time Travel method was introduced in 2008. First Time Travel event in March 2009, Ikageng 1986.

KwaZulu-Natal, Port Shepstone. Time Travel method introduced in 2008. First Time Travel event in October 2009, Port Shepstone Harbour 1905. PSTA and KZN Museum Service are active partners.

Mpumalanga. Time Travel method introduced in 2009. First Time Travel event in November 2010, Pilgrim's Rest, White miner's strike 1922.

Gauteng. Time Travel method introduced in 2011. First Time Travel event in October 2012, Kliptown and the Freedom Charter 1955.

Northern Cape. Time Travel method introduced in 2015. First Time Travel event in November 2015, Rudd House 1907.

Free State. Time Travel method introduced in 2017.

Eastern Cape. Time Travel method introduced in 2017.

Limpopo. Time Travel method introduced in 2017.

Bridging Ages South Africa, conferences, board, provinces, plans

BASA was launched at Worcester museum, Western Cape in October 2009. First national conference/ seminar.

2nd national conference, Port Shepstone, KZN, October 2010

3rd national conference, Pilgrim's Rest, Mpumalanga, November 2011

4th national conference, Port Shepstone, October 2013

5th national conference, Freedom Park, Pretoria, Gauteng, March 2015

6th national conference, Freedom Park, Pretoria, Gauteng, Feb/March 2017

Bridging Ages international conference, Worcester museum, October 2008

Bridging Ages international conference, Freedom Park, September 2018

International expert seminar, Pretoria, Gauteng, March 2016

Chairpersons BASA: Tizzie Mangiagalli, Worcester museum, 2009-2013

Gulshera Khan, Port Shepstone Twinning Association, 2013-2015

Jabulani Phelago, Freedom Park, 2015-

Each province has two members on the board

Bridging Ages Western Cape, launched in October 2010, registered as an NGO

Bridging Ages KwaZulu-Natal, launched in October 2011

Bridging Ages Gauteng, launched in November 2015

Bridging Ages groups in the other provinces.

Coordinator BASA/ BAWC, Louis Marais, employed 2010-2014, office Worcester Museum

Strategic 3-year plans: (2013) 2014-2016, (2016) 2017-2019

Time Travel training courses in South Africa

Western Cape 2006-2008

Cape Nature, 2011-2012, 2015-2016

KwaZulu-Natal, 2011-2012

Gauteng, 2014-2015

Northern Cape, 2015-2016

Free State, Eastern Cape, North West, Limpopo, Mpumalanga 2017-2018

There has also been a lot of one- and two-day trainings and workshops, especially in Western Cape and KZN. Every year 2006-2017, several persons from SA have come to Kalmar, Sweden, mostly for one week, to experience the Time Travel method and be trained. In 2017 there was also training in Vasa, Finland

Time Travel events

2006: 2 Time Travel sites, 4 Time Travel events, total 145 participants, in Western Cape

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2010: 12 Time Travel sites, 40 Time Travel events, 1600 participants in Western Cape, KZN, North West and Mpumalanga

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2015: 25 Time Travel sites, 60 Time Travel events, 3500 participants in Western Cape, KZN, Gauteng, North West and Northern Cape

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2006-2017: About 50 Time Travel sites have been used, about 400 Time Travel events and about 30 000 persons have participated (c. 50% adults and 50% learners).

The Time Travel events include some public Time Travel events:

2010, Port Shepstone Harbour 1905; 2012-2016, Umzumbe, King Shaka 1828;

2015, Kliptown, Freedom Charter 1955-2015; 2017, Castle of Good Hope 1668 and Heritage Day Time Travel

The biggest public Time Travel events are the King Shaka 1828 in Umzumbe and Heritage Day Time Travel in Worcester, each one with 1000–2000 participants,

Funding

Main funders for projects: Sala Ida/ Sida, ICLD/ Sida, Olof Palme International Centre/ Sida, Swedish Art Council and Department of Arts and Culture SA

PSTA has received funding from the National Lottery twice after 2013, BAWC once 2016/2017.

DAC

Since 2014 Department of Arts and Culture has been supporting the Time Travel method in disseminating to all provinces, training courses and public Time Travel events at National days. Freedom Park, as an agency of the Department of Arts and Culture, has been supporting a number of activities.

Bi-National Commission, Sweden-South Africa, Stockholm 2015. Support for the Time Travel method mentioned in the minutes

Letter of Intent between the Ministers of Culture in South Africa and Sweden, giving support for the Time Travel method, signed 2016

Job creating

The Time Travel method has engaged a lot of people and created jobs: making props and costumes, research, for Time Travel facilitators and leaders, tourism. PSTA has for instance created jobs for 45 persons within the available funding and 120 persons have been active in the Time Travel work. Umzumbe municipality has developed an annual tourist event, King Shaka 1828.

MoU

MoU, Cape Nature-Kalmar county museum-BAWC, signed 2013

MoU, Freedom Park-Kalmar county museum, signed 2016

SABC, You tube

African views, SABC, one hour on the Time Travel method, both 2008 and 2009

A Legacy of Wisdom, Time Travel to 1986 in Ikageng, Potchefstroom, 2010, 16 min video

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Booklets

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“Folkbildning Africa”, published 2010

“Lendzawo inalekushoko”, translation in Swati of This place has meaning. Published 2010.

“Seven Steps Guide Book”, published 2015

Freedom Charter 1955-2015, published 2017

Achievements

Achievements will be added to the document later

Bridging Ages website on South Africa

<http://www.bridgingages.com/bridging-ages-world-wide/south-africa/>

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