



Tukums museum

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Welcome to the International conference

Time Travels

Innovative and Creative Methods of Historic Environment Education
Durbe manor house, Tukums, Latvia, October 4-6 2007



Durbe manor house

Time Travels and Historic Environment Education

The conference will give an insight in Time Travels as an educational method: Research – Organisation - Learning - Role Play – Theory - Practice. Also other forms of education in the local historic environment, such as oral history, documentation, filming etc. will be introduced. People from museums, schools and universities in Europe, USA and Africa will present their way of working, how they organise and implement education at local historic sites. The keynote speakers will talk about the connection between pedagogical theory and practice in the Time Travel method. And of course the conference will include a Time Travel – The Song Festival in Tukums 1928.

Museums and schools

The conference targets people working in museums, schools, universities, and historical societies. Cooperation between different institutions makes education at local historical sites easier. So bring some teachers from the nearest school, the curators/ educators at the museum, the people at the local historical societies or the professors from the university

Bridging Ages Network meeting

This conference is the annual meeting/ conference for the people in the network Bridging Ages, an opportunity to to exchange ideas and get new inspiration. At the previous seminar in Rome last year it was decided to work towards a more formal organisation of the network. A work group will make a report on the first morning of the conference.



A time travel to 1905 in the Durbe Manor Park

Time Travels in Latvia

The conference will introduce Time Travels and Historic Environment Education for the Latvian audience. Tukums museum has, on a small scale, started with Time Travels at the Durbe Manor House and short courses for museum workers. This historical-educational method could hopefully be something interesting for museums and schools in Latvia. Take the chance to listen and discuss.

Bridging Ages is an international network, which aims at supporting and inspiring the development of Historic Environment Education and Time Travels through seminars, conferences, common projects, a website and newsletters.

The network consists of people from about 25 institutions (schools, museums, universities) in 10 countries in Europe, USA and Africa. The network is coordinated by Kalmar County Museum in Sweden.

This newsletter contains an invitation to the annual meeting/ conference for the network, this year in Tukums, Latvia. Museums, schools, universities and historical societies in Latvia are also invited to take part in the conference.

Historic Environment Education uses local historic sites and nearby history as an active way of learning and inspiring today's people and communities about the past.

Time Travels is an educational method where the participants research and take part in the life of another historical period in order to learn about themselves and their society.

The Time Travel method started in the Kalmar region, southeast Sweden, more than twenty years ago by Kalmar County Museum and local schools. The method has developed and spread to other parts of Sweden and to regions in more than ten countries on three continents.

The song festival in Tukums 1928, Time Travel

Of course there will be a Time Travel at the conference, the Song festival in Tukums in 1928. We will prepare the festival held at the Durbe manor park that year. We will discuss the future for the young republic of Latvia and meet the famous Latvian poet Janis Rainis. There will be much music and singing, a big party and an even an after party. "Song maintains the spirit of the nation and spirit leads the nation," as Rainis expressed it in 1928.



The participants of the song festival in Tukums 1928

Presentations and workshops

At the conference there will time to reflect and discuss the Time Travel method and educational work at local historic sites. People from Estonia, Sweden, USA, Finland, Latvia will give an insight in their work in the local historical environment. In workshops we will discuss methods, theory, problems and opportunities. How to implement or develop Historic Environment Education and Time Travels in my region?



Inside Durbe manor house

Program, preliminary

Wednesday, October 3

19.00 Informal meeting for the "Bridging ages" network people

Thursday, October 4

Morning: Bridging Ages network meeting

09.00 Report from the planning committee. Draft of vision, mission, organization and bylaws for Bridging Ages - *Jon Hunner, Ebbe Westergren, Agrita Ozola*
Discussion, decision and elections

12.00 Lunch

Afternoon: Opening of the conference, Time Travel

13.00 Opening ceremony - *Janis Garjans, Head of the State Authority of Museums in Latvia*

13.30 Short presentations of Time Travel Experiences and Historic Environment Education all over the world:

Estonia - *Toomas Abiline, Tallinn City Museum*

USA - *Nina Clark, American Swedish Institute, Minnesota*

Iceland - *Sigurborg Hilmarsdottir, Reykjavik City Museum*

Sweden - *Lars-Åke Andersson, Frödinge school, Ing-Marie Fransson, Vimmerby, Britt-Marie Borgström, Jämtlands läns museum, Östersund*

Finland - *Lilian Pettersson-Smeds, Österbotten Antiquarian Society*

16.00 **Time travel – “The song festival in Tukums 1928”**

We dress up in period costumes and take part in the life of Tukums in 1928. The big song festival, organized by the teachers union, has to be prepared with the poet Janis Rainis as the honorable guest. There will be processions, performances and an after party with local music, poems and lots of food. “Today we will be proud as no city in Latvia,” as the Tukums district chairman expressed it in 1928. The young republic will meet a prosperous future.

19.30 Time Travel ends
After, after party

Friday, October 5

Morning: Key note speeches

09.00 Holy Cow! Time Travels and Historic Environment Education as methods for understanding, knowledge, reconciliation and fun. *Ebbe Westergren, Kalmar Läns Museum, Sweden*
Commemorating Anniversaries through Time Travels. *Jon Hunner, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, USA*

Coffee

Timetraveling as an arena for schools and museums. *Lena Fritzén, Växjö University, Sweden*

A Thrill as a Learning Opportunity. *Leen Joesoo, Tallinn University, Estonia*

Time travels as a new challenge for Latvian museums. *Agrita Ozola, Tukums museum, Latvia*

12.45 Lunch

Afternoon: Workshops and Conclusion

13.45 Workshops: "How to implement Historic Environment Education and Time Travels at our museum/ school?"

Coffee

15.45 Discussion, Conclusion

17.00 End

19.00 Informal meeting for members of Bridging Ages and interested participants of the conference. Future plans. Supper

Saturday, October 6

Excursion

09.00 Free sightseeing in Tukums

10.00 Coffee at the Art Museum

10.30 Excursion: Tukums and Kurland - Jaunmokas, Pūre, Kandava, Sabile etc

Deadline to register: September First, 2007

For more information, please contact Agrita Ozola, director of the Tukums museum

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Welcome to an exciting conference

Agrita Ozola, Tukums museum

Ebbe Westergren, Kalmar läns museum/Coordinator Bridging Ages



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Registration form

Name, surname
Position
Organization
Address
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Phone Cell phone
Fax E-mail

For participants from abroad:

Arrival date time
Departure time

In which hotel have you reserved place
From to

Conference fee:

- LVL 40, - for network "Bridging ages" members 3.10-6.10. - (Handouts, food and excursion included)
- LVL 30, - other participants 4.10-6.10. (Handouts, food and excursion included)
- LVL 25 Partial payment 4.10-5.10 (handouts, food and included)

I would like to pay for the conference:

- by cash
- transfer

Tukums Museum Bank requisites

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a/s SEBUNIBANKA Tukums branch
banc code UNLALV2X32
account LV32UNLA0032000130964

In conference I would like to participate with poster

- Yes
- No

We are expecting registration list till 01.09.2007

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”A day of the fifties” Time Travel to 1959 in Frödinge, Sweden

The day, the 19th of september 2006, started by gathering at the schoolyard, pupils 6-9 years old from Frödinge school and their teachers. We all walked to the park where the “Day of the fifties” would be acted. Outside the park everyone got rolecards and new names, such as Ann-Marie, Solveig, Olle, Inga or Bertil.

We travelled back in time as we passed the gate into the park and counted the years back to the fifties, symbolized by wooden-marbles. When everybody had arrived to the actual year, 1959, we were surprised by a man and a woman who were driving a car from the fifties. The pupils appreciated this and when we were invited to go for a ride it was a complete success.

During the day the students got in contact with different activities typical for the “fifties”. They met a teacher in a classroom. The students learned a song about a man selling hot dogs in the streets. At the end of the lesson the “hot dog-man” himself appeared and told the children about the special lunch, (hot dogs and mashed potatoes) which would be served later.

The students visited a living room, stayed there for a while and listened to a radio program for children, which was very popular in the 1950s. They also tasted a special cookie, called the radio-cookie.

As it was a nice and warm, a late summer day, we spent a lot of time outside in the nice park. Here the children were able to play different games typical for the 1950s. In the middle of the day, two dancers and a rock-band came to perform. The dancers showed us how to dance and the rock-band played Chuck Berry’s golden hit from the fifties “Johnny B. Good”.

After eating lots of good-tasting food, dancing and playing, the day ended by singing a song together with the rock-band. Everyone travelled back to the present time with a smile on their face and with lots of new knowledge about the year 1959.

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