



Bridging Ages

International Symposium in Historic Environment Education and Time Travels Vimmerby, Sweden November 14-16

The symposium will promote an exchange of ideas in the education of the historic environment. People from different countries will meet to inspire and learn from one other.

During the last decade Kalmar County Museum has had several national and international projects concerning historic environment education and time-travels. This symposium is a continuing part of that work and also of building up a network in the field.

The symposium will have three main topics: Learning, Community Development and Building Networks. Museum staff, educators/ teachers and scientists (researchers) with knowledge and experience of historic environment education and time-travels are invited. There will be a total of 25-30 persons.

The symposium is arranged by Kalmar County Museum and the Vimmerby Academy and will be held in Vimmerby, 150 kilometres north of Kalmar. Vimmerby is the hometown of Astrid Lindgren, the renowned Swedish author of the Pippi Longstocking books and other works. In the spirit of Astrid Lindgren the keywords for the community are courage, responsibility and imagination. These universal human values are important for all people, schools, museums and society. November 14th was Astrid Lindgren's birthday.



Näs, the first home of Astrid Lindgren

Some ideas concerning the topics

Learning

What do we mean with learning and knowledge? Different pedagogic methods? The relationship between research and education? How to compare then and now? How to use different historic environments? How do you time travel with students and adults of different ages? And finally how do we bridge the ages?

Community development

Development and identity. How to increase engagement in historic environments? Cultural economy.

Network

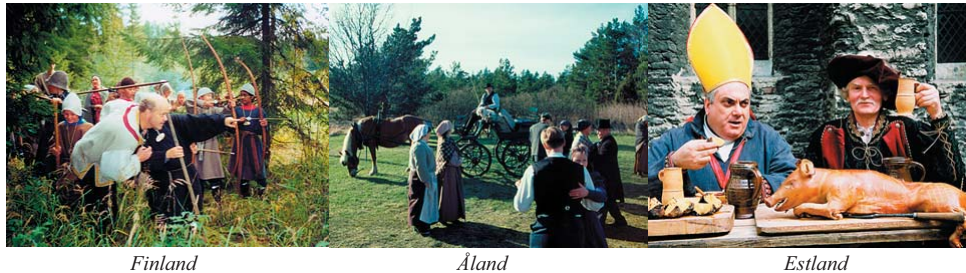
Building up an international network. Cooperation. Dissemination

Every participating country will have a presentation of their work in accordance with the topics. There will also be separate lectures on Learning and on Cultural Economy. There will be lots of

time for discussions and exchange of experiences. Of course, we will develop and participate in a short historical time-travel with the focus on Astrid Lindgren and Vimmerby and also take part in other historical activities.

The symposium will start on Sunday, November 14th 2004 at 3 p.m. and end on Tuesday, November 16th at 4.30 pm. On November 17th there will be an optional excursion in the historic environment of the Vimmerby region.

In the evenings, November 14th and 15th we will ask some of the participants to have open lectures in Vimmerby for educators and the public.



Preliminary time-plan

Sunday November 14th

p.m.

Opening and presentation. We develop a short Time travel with focus on Astrid Lindgren and Vimmerby. Maybe a birthday party?

Monday November 15th

a.m

Introduction address (from the Swedish Department of Culture or Education)

Presentations from participants from different countries, discussion

p.m.

Presentations continue

Historical activities in Vimmerby

Public lecture in the evening

Tuesday November 16th

a.m.

Learning and knowledge, speech and discussion

Presentation from participants from different countries, discussion

p.m.

Cultural economy, speech and discussion

How to continue, network

Public lecture in the evening

Wednesday November 17th

a.m.

Excursion in the Vimmerby region. Meeting with teachers and students

You are most cordially invited to this interesting symposium to share your experiences on how to build on the potential of Cultural Environment Education and Time travels.

Please inform about your participation in the symposium to

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October 29th at the latest.

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