



Bridging Ages, International Organization in Historic Environment Education and Time Travels Annual Report 2015

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Committees

Nomination committee: Agrita Ozola, Ebru Iltenmis

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Conference committee: Ebbe Westergren, Annina Ylikoski. Brian Walsh and Will Glendinning for the Ireland conference

Funding committee:

Board meetings

Skype: 13 February, 10 April, 7 May, 10 September, 4 November, 17 December

Board meeting in Dundalk, Ireland: 4 June

Action Plan 2015-2017

The new action plan for 2015-2017 started to roll. The plan is divided into the international part, that consists of how to promote the Time Travel method and how to develop the Bridging Ages organization, and the national parts with participating countries. In 2015 work started to increase the sustainability of the organization: Bridging Ages became a legal entity in Sweden, establishing an office partnering Sweden and Finland, social media etc.

Bridging Ages International Conference in Dundalk, Ireland

“A place, border – different stories” in Dundalk, Ireland, June 2-5 2015, 70 delegates from 13 countries. Organizers: Dundalk Museum, Diversity Challenges and Bridging Ages International

After the opening presentations the first day, there were two parallel sessions: EU Grundtvig project “A Place and its Story” and a session on “forgotten and hidden stories”. The second day was focused on the Time Travel method, connection to social cohesion and to education. The third day included presentations on story telling methods and drama, mainly linked to the conflict in Northern Ireland. 5 June was an excursion along the border and in Belfast.

Newsletters

Three Newsletters have been published, each of them eight pages: April, October and December

E-mailing list

About 1300 persons are on the e-mailing list, from 24 countries on 4 continents: Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Iceland, Poland, England, Wales, Ireland, Italy, Germany, Spain, Portugal, Serbia, Turkey, USA, Nicaragua, Kenya, Uganda, Nigeria, South Africa.

Comments

Bridging Ages continues to grow slowly as an organization. The focus of the work has shifted towards contemporary issues and the use of heritage today.

In 2015 20000 students and adults took part in Time Travel programs all over the world, an increase of two thousand from the year before. From the start in 1985 more than 200 000 persons have taken part in Time Travels. Much of the focus now is to find sustainability in the Bridging Ages international organization as well as in the national and regional chapters.

Annina Ylikoski, Finland was elected new president and Ebbe Westergren, president from the start, was appointed Honorary President.

10 April 2016

The Bridging Ages board

Annina Ylikoski/ Ebbe Westergren