



**Bridging Ages, International Organization in Historic Environment
Education and Time Travels
Annual Report 2011**

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Kalmar County Museum, Sweden

Committees

Nomination committee: Agrita Ozola, Maarja Merivoo-Parro

Newsletter/ website committee: Helen Eklund, Annina Ylikoski, Ebru Iltenmis

Conference committee: Ebbe Westergren, Jon Hunner, Agrita Ozola plus Kadri Nigulas, Ade Lehtse and Maarja Merivoo-Parro for the Tallinn conference

Funding committee: Jon, Tizzie and Ebbe

Board meetings

Skype: 25 January, 13 April, 7 September, 10 November

Retreat and strategy meeting in Tallinn: 6-7 June

Several Skype meetings for the Tallinn conference

Newsletters

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

Action Plan

An Action Plan for 2012-2014 was discussed and adopted at the retreat in Tallinn. The action plan is about Strengthening and Developing Bridging Ages and includes 1.Funding 2.Sustainability and Expansion 3.Training courses 4.Common projects 5.Conferences

National branches of Bridging Ages

Several national branches of Bridging Ages were formalized in 2011:

Bridging Ages Turkey, coordinator Ebru Iltenmis

Bridging Ages Northern Kenya, chairperson Steven Labarakwe

Bridging Ages Finland

In South Africa, Bridging Ages KwaZulu-Natal was launched, chairperson Thulas Mkhize

Bridging Ages International Conference in Tallinn, Estonia, 3-5 June (excursion 6 June)

Host and local organizer: Tallinn City Museum

Theme: "Using Time Travel to Explore Turning Points in History".

Key Note Speakers: Gulshera Khan, Port Shepstone, South Africa; Mare Oja, Tallinn

University and Steven Labarakwe, Kenya. 18 presentations in total. Visits to museums in Tallinn. Tallinn Old Town Days at the same time as the conference

Time Travel to 1986 at Tallinn School No 8

80 delegates from 10 countries, 120 persons in the Time Travel, of those 20 learners

Tallinn was the European Capital of Culture 2011.

National Turkish Time Travel Conference in Izmir and Manisa, Turkey, 21-22 June Zaman Yolculugu (=Time Travel)

Organizers: Bornova, Karsiyaka, Bayrakli and Manisa municipalities in partnership with Türkiye Belediyeler Birliği and Kalmar County Museum

Presentations of the Time Travel project in Izmir and Manisa 2008-2011

Time Travel to 1533 at the Darüssifa in Manisa

Decision to start Bridging Ages Turkey

180 delegates from all over Turkey, 30 municipalities, the first day, and 130 delegates the second day.

The conference was the conclusion of the Time Travel project between the four Turkish municipalities, Kalmar municipality and Kalmar County Museum, Sweden

Bridging Ages South Africa National Conference in Pilgrim's Rest, Mpumalanga, 1-3 November

Organizers: Mpumalanga Department of Sport, Culture and Recreation together with Provincial Oral History Association and Bridging Ages South Africa

Theme: Silent voices, Emerging stories

Key Note speakers: Gulshera Khan, Port Shepstone, KZN and S Mokgoatsana, Ohasa (Oral History Association South Africa). Presentations from the five provinces, national and international. Workshops and discussions

Time travel to 1922 and the white miner's strike in Pilgrim's Rest

100 delegates

Litterature

In Turkish: Zaman Yolculugu. Time Travel. Yasiyorum, Egleniyorum, Öğreniyorum (I live, I enjoy, I learn). Editors: Ümit Tuncag, Sebnem Güncü, Melih Elhan, Umut Devrim Eryarar, Ebru Iltenmis, Bahar Balabn, Erdem Muhtaroglu. Izmir, Turkey 2011. 110 pp. Published as a

part of the Time Travel project between the four Turkish municipalities, Kalmar municipality, Sweden and Kalmar County Museum.

In Setswana: Lenzawo inalekushoko. Tindzabasibonelo teKuhamba Sikhatsi kanye Nemfundvo Ngenzawomlanvo INingizimu Africa 2006-2010 (Translation of This place has meaning. Case Studies of Time Travels and Historic Environment Education in South Africa 2006-2010). Editors: Ebbe Westergren, Helen Eklund, Gunnar Aldestam, Louis Marais, Gail Weldon, Charles Jordan, Tracey Randle, Bertdene Laubscher, Tizzie Mangaigalli, John Parkington, Gulshera Khan, Velaphi Fatyela, Fanie van Rensburg. Paarl, South Africa 2011. 88 pp

E-mailing list

About 400 persons are on the e-mailing list, from 20 countries on 4 continents: Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Iceland, England, Wales, Ireland, Italy, Germany, Serbia, Turkey, USA, Nicaragua, Kenya, Uganda, South Africa.

Comments

Bridging Ages has grown as an organization in 2011. More persons have joined the e-mailing list; several new branches have been formed, as organizations, like in northern Kenya and in KwaZulu-Natal, as networks like in Finland and Turkey. Serbia was exposed to Historic Environment Education and Time Travels, through a 1½ day workshop in Belgrade. More than 10 000 students and adults have taken part in Time Travel programs all over the world, the main part in Finland, South Africa, Turkey and Sweden. More than 4000 adults have participated in trainings, seminars and workshops.

The International conference in Tallinn was a success and an inspiration for many. Also the National conferences in Turkey and South Africa worked very well and promoted the Time Travel method a lot.

Two new books on Time Travels and Historic Environment Education were published, one in Turkish and one in Seswati.

28 February 2012

The Bridging Ages board

Ebbe Westergren

News from participating countries and institutions

Serbia

Kalmar County Museum held a workshop in Belgrade 16-17 September for museum staff and cultural workers on “How to use local Sites and Stories in education, social cohesion and tourism”, invited by the Swedish embassy. 35 persons took part in the workshop and Time Travel to 1460.

Kenya

Linnaeus University in Kalmar, Sweden and Kalmar County Museum has started a project in Kenya together with Kenyatta University, National Museums of Kenya and the community of Ngurunit, “Mathematics Education in the Cultural Environment”. There were several planning meetings and seminars in Nairobi in April/May and a workshop with the community in Ngurunit. Bridging Ages Northern Kenya, BANK, was formed in June.

USA, Gibbs Museum of Pioneer and Dakotah Life/Ramsey County Historical Society

Greeting from Minnesota, U.S.A. We have had a busy year but thought it would be most appropriate to share a new program we initiated in 2011.

When Minnesota opened up in 1848, thousands of pioneer settlers poured into the new Territory. Most Minnesota children grew up on small family farms. Pioneer Days: School, Work and Play is a three-day history immersion camp that allows children to experience what life was like for children in Minnesota in the second half of the 19th century.

Children attended the Gibbs one-room schoolhouse each day; there they experienced what and how children learned in that environment in the 19th century. The work portion included animal care in the bird coops, barn and pastures. Campers also chopped and cut wood with a two-man saw; ordered supplies for their parents at the General Store; washed laundry on the outside stove; baked pies in the summer kitchen; hand-churned ice cream; and swept the farmhouse.

Play was an important aspect of 19th century farm life too. Children played marbles each day at camp as a way to really learn how to play the various marble games. Children also played jump rope and horse shoes.

On the last day of camp, family members were invited to an open house where the children served the pies they baked in the summer kitchen along with homemade ice cream. All camp “stations” were opened up, giving kids the opportunity to share their experiences with family members.

While most time travels are a few hours or part of a day, this camp is unique because of the juxtaposition of the immersion feature coupled with the three-day experience. We have many camps and activities for children on site, but this camp allowed us to explore pioneer life in greater depth. 70 children attended this camp over a four week period.

Warm Regards, Terry Swanson, Gibbs Museum Site Manager

2011 activity Report of the Tukums museum, Latvia

Tukums museum has organized two seminars for the teachers of history of Latvia to give introduction to the Time Travel method and inform about new findings in the regional history. The seminars were given altogether for 65 teachers from six different municipalities and their aim was to help the teachers to orient themselves in the complexity of the Latvian history as well as to help them to understand the essence of the Time Travel and to prepare students for it. The teachers themselves had possibility to participate in two different updated Time Travel programmes prepared by the Tukums museum: “Let’s experience 1905” and “The 1st Song festival of the Tukums District, 1928”.

Tukums museum has paid very much of its attention to the quality of the existing programmes, monitoring their success and improving the content and the planning of the activities as well as educating museum staff to work in Time Travels in year 2011. The emphasis was put on the development of the pedagogical skills of new colleagues.

The new programme about so called democratic elections in Soviet Union in 1946 and 1947 was prepared and presented to the teachers of history of the Tukums District. Two groups of students has already experienced the new programme. A book, traveling exhibition and DVD explaining the system of Soviet repressions during 1940s in Baltic’s and presenting life stories of real people was prepared on the basis of research in archives and museum collections. The students can read the book and use the DVD to understand what has happened with people who has resisted to the Soviet system and their relatives even if they were babies or elderly. They can compare what political rights had people who supported the Soviet regime and what restrictions had people who has resisted in some way or has born in “faulty family”. The aim of the programme is to learn the past and pay also attention to the contemporary actual questions like democracy and human rights.

In 2011 Agrita Ozola has presented the international organisation „Bridging Ages” and experience of the Tukums museum for the Network of the Heritage Education for Children from the Baltic Sea States giving the presentation „The Time Travel – a project for children” in Fredrikstad, Norway, April 16-18, 2011

Agrita Ozola, Tukums Museum, Latvia

USA, Report from New Mexico 2011

The New Mexico chapter of Bridging Ages has focused over the last couple of years on the centenary of New Mexico's statehood. New Mexico joined the United States as a state on Jan. 6, 1912. Over the last couple of years, the Public History Program at New Mexico State University (NMSU) has Time Traveled to 1912. Last May, we presented our Time Travel to 1912 to the annual New Mexico Historical Society's conference and then in June, we held a workshop on the 1912 Time Travel with 30 teachers from around the state. Also in June, Jon Hunner participated in the Bridging Ages conference in Estonia where he talked about his university course on Time Travels and the importance of doing local history. Graduates of the Public History Program at NMSU are now creating living history programs in several museums around the country. Finally, Jon has worked on the preliminary plans for hosting the 2013 Bridging Ages conference in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Jon Hunner

New Mexico State University

Kalmar läns museum/ Centre for Historic environment Education, Sweden 2011

The Department of Historic Environment Education at Kalmar läns museum has had more than 300 activities 2011 with over 12000 people across the county: Time Travels, school programs, trainings, regional development and cultural tourism.

Two major projects have been completed this year, Kronobäck meeting place, a medieval monastery ruin, a project that has been running with Mönsterås municipality since 2005.

The second project was on elderly and heritage, together with four other regional museums: Do you remember?

Other regional projects: The Kalmar war 1611; Landscape and Stone Age sites in Högsby municipality; Several community integrated projects of social nature like a big seminar on Immigration in the past and today in a global perspective; projects on diversity; Emigration Programs.

A one-day seminar was organized in Kalmar organized with representatives of regional and national heritage organizations in Sweden on the topic "Trends in Historic Environment Education research."

64 Time Travel have been organized with schools in all the 12 municipalities, with over 2 500 students.

New projects that have started this year: Science, technology and heritage in schools in Västervik municipality; Honor-related violence and values; The East Coast's Bronze Age.

The Costume Studio has produced a series of new clothing, cleaned and packed thousands of clothes. Also a lot of new props have been produced and handled in the Time Travel programs.

Eketorp, the reconstructed Iron Age and Middle Age fort on southern Öland had about 38 000 visitors from May to early September, quite many school classes especially in May.

The second course in Historic Environment Education, 15 credits, was held at Linnaeus University in Kalmar.

Kalmar läns museum has in 2011 been working on international projects on Historic Environment Education and Time Travels in Estonia, Finland, Italy, South Africa, Turkey and Serbia. There has been 56 different arrangements in other countries, including training courses, workshops, presentations, conferences and Time Travels, with in total 2506 people.

Ebbe Westergren

Bridging Ages Western Cape

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Tizzie Mangiagalli (Worcester Museum)

Dr. Hendrik Snyders (Boland Rugby)

Dr. Gail Weldon (Western Cape Education Department)

Office

Worcester Museum, Worcester

Board meetings

Planning meeting: 22/3

General Board meetings: 24/1, 24/3, 31/5, 22/6, 14/7, 11/8, 9/9, 21/10

Annual General Meeting: 28/7

Executive Board meetings: 1/3

Time Travel Committees

Clanwilliam

Witzenberg

Worcester

Pniel

St Helena Bay

Grabouw

Lwandle

Training

In Clanwilliam (4 days) for Cape Nature staff (Training done by Kalmar County Museum/ BA International)

Support

Visits, meetings from Kalmar County Museum / Bridging Ages International in March and October.

Time Travels

Sites in Clanwilliam, Worcester Museum, Pniel, Bain's Kloof Pass, Wolwekloof and Lwandle
37 Time Travels have been held in the Western Cape this year.

1 new site in Lwandle, Somerset West.

BA International Conference (Tallinn, Estonia)

2 representatives from the Western Cape attended: Cheronica du Preez and Abigail Balie

BA SA 2nd National Conference (Pilgrim's Rest, Mpumalanga)

3 representatives from the Western Cape attended: Tizzie Mangiagalli, Andy Peterson and Louis Marais

Western Cape representatives on the BA SA Board

Tizzie Mangiagalli, Andy Peterson

Comments

- BA WC received a clean financial audit report
- Bertdene Laubscher replaced Tizzie Mangiagalli as Chairperson
- Tizzie Mangiagalli continues as Chairperson of BA SA
- BA WC initiated training and coaching for riel dancers (an indigenous dance form) from the El Shammah Kibbutz in Worcester.
- Extension of the Time Travel project to Cape Nature reserves with the training and support provided by Kalmar County Museum and Bridging Ages International.
- The first pilot Time Travel in Lwandle township in Somerset West at a former migrant labour hostel, together with Lwandle Migrant Labour Museum and Kalmar County Museum.
- Greater involvement of older persons in Time Travels with 5 centres for the elderly from the Langeberg region visiting Worcester Museum for the Roodewal 1913 Time Travel which focuses on the land issue. 4 Older Person clubs from Worcester also participated in Time Travels along with 3 from Ceres and 1 from Wolseley.
- A Time Travel in the Langeberg region needs to be developed.
- Greater involvement by social workers in the Time Travel project. Many have brought their clients (children, parents and older persons) to participate.
- Social workers need to be trained in the Time Travel methodology.
- Locating funding is a major priority

Louis Marais

Time Travel Coordinator

Finland 2011

In 2011 the Finnish network worked a lot with HEE and Time Travels. Through collaboration and inspiration days the method have reaches many thousand students, teachers, museum personnel and other culture workers.

The Ostrobothnian children's culture network BARK had one-day inspiration day courses about HEE and Time Travels in Lapland and Idensalmi, in the eastern part of Finland. In Ostrobothnia, information and lectures about Time Travels have also been held in the teacher's colleges and university of the applied sciences.

In the Ostrobothnian area, there have been Time Travels in almost all of the 17 municipalities. Time Travels have been made for 5-15 year olds, with different themes depending on the place, age of the children and the wishes of the school and museum. The themes have differed from the Civil War of 1918 to the emigration to America and the 1940s.

In Vasa, one of the big collaborations was the Time Travels to the Homefront 1943 for all 6th grader in the city of Vasa in August –September 2011. The Time Travels were held at Brage outdoor museum in Vasa. In this collaboration BARK was the coordinator and Stundars, The Ostrobothnian museum, the city of Vasa, the library and the provincial archives of Vasa all took part.

In other municipalities the collaboration about the Time Travels has included the heritage associations, local museum and schools.

BARK also completed two study materials for schools; one about 1918 and one about the Homefront-theme.

Conclusion

7 inspiration day courses on Historic Environment Education and Time Travels:

Barntädgårdslärostudierande, Jakobstad, Lärostudierande, Vasa, Yrkeshögskolan Novias dramapedagogstudierande, Vasa stads eftis/fritis-ledare, Rovaniemi, museipersonal och lärare, Idensalmi, museipersonal och lärare.

About ten time periods/ topics in 70 Time Travels with 2300 pupils plus a drama project on 1918 with Yrkeshögskolan Novias and 620 pupils. Altogether almost 3000 pupils have taken part in Time Travels and Historic Environment Education.

Annina Ylikoski

Coordinator for the Ostrobothnian children's culture network BARK

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Estonia

During 2011 the main focus of Bridging Ages activities in Estonia was directed towards organizing the global conference, hosting the activities and drawing conclusions from the process. Between 2.-6. June 2011 Tallinn City Museum hosted the annual Bridging Ages conference. The topic was „Using Time Travel To Explore Turning Points in History“ and the goal was to look into the possibilities of using Time Travel and other educational methods to explore turning points in history and also difficult history. The conference had 17 presentations, which included some more universal and theoretical approaches but also examples of Historical Environment Education from all over the world. During the practical program we traveled through time to a school in soviet Estonia in 1986. The participation in the conference was numerous – there were 76 delegates from 10 different countries.

In addition to the main event there was one additional time travel conducted by the Kiek in de K ok museum prior to the conference. Some informational activities were also carried out during the year - *ad hoc* consulting for people acting in rural areas and interested in historic environment education and developing specific time travel programs.

Kadri Nigulas
Tallinn City Museum