



BRIDGING AGES
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION IN
APPLIED HERITAGE AND TIME TRAVELS

Bridging Ages Annual Report 2023.
5th Virtual Meeting Annual General Meeting.

A. Introduction:

2024 is indeed a year for celebration. 2024 marks the 20th anniversary of Bridging Ages. In 2004, a symposium was held on the subject of "Historic Environment Education and Time Travels." It was held in Vimmerby, Sweden with representatives from Sweden, the USA, Kenya, Latvia, Estonia and Italy. At the end of the symposium, the participants decided to form an International Network in Historic Environment Education and Time Travels as it was known.

Ebbe Westergren- our honorary president and Scott Green who were part of this symposium are still active participants in Bridging Ages. Agrita from Latvia and Stephen from Kenya- ex board members - are still engaged in Bridging Ages. Many of us who joined thereafter are active members and in our respective countries.

The Time Travel method started in the Kalmar region, Sweden in the early 1980's. The first Time Travel event was organised by Kalmar lans museum in 1986. It is actually 4 decades (40 years) . This also calls for celebration.

Today, we are hosting the 5th virtual AGM. Online meetings and training has connected us, made it cost effective, is convenient and it promotes inclusivity. We also need to meet face to face at conferences, training and seminars- either internationally or within the borders of our own country. This builds strong relationships, loyalty and trust.

B. Review of the year

B.1. Bridging Ages Board members.

President: Gulshera Khan- South Africa

Vice President: Linda Liljeborg – Sweden

Secretary: Scott Green- USA

Treasurer: Hakan Adanir- Türkiye

Board Members: Mildred Ayere- Kenya, Sam Semakula-Uganda, Monica Mattback- Finland, Saale Randaru- Estonia and Kristine Ozola-Latvia

Gabriella Johansson is the Board's secretariate. She compiles minutes, maintains all BA records and is supportive of the Board. As most Board members are volunteers, the key person in keeping us connected is necessary for the smooth operation of Bridging Ages. Kalmar lans museum remains the anchor museum in this regard.

B.2. The Strategic Plan 2023- 2025.

Bridging Ages Strategic Plan was adopted in 2023 and will be reviewed in 2025. Arising the Strategic Plan is a yearly Action (implementation). The Action Plan focussed on:

- Emphasis on networking, cooperation and developing partnership: There has been greater international network between the countries in this regard. New co-operations have been

initiated. Maseno University will be trained on digital time travel and heritage education by Annina and Victoria from Finland in late March 2024.

- Sharing of methodological material: Members are free to share information and connect to one another. There is an archive of material on the Bridging Ages website.
- Delegating responsibilities and engaging members: This is ongoing process
- Remain active in communication: Newsletters and Facebook page keep us updated. We encourage articles from you., it can be on a new heritage site, training, an event and or new collaboration.
- Be sensitive to the contemporary issues in society: The webinar on Cultural heritage and peace building discussed the current challenges faced with the ongoing war of Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the impact on the immediate surrounding countries. The invitation is circulated to over a 1000 persons on the emailing list. We encourage you to attend and to expand your network. Kindly inspire colleagues and institutions to be a part of Bridging Ages network. Send an email to : bridgingages@kalmarlansmuseum.se
- Develop the administrative and practical work of the board and the secretariat.
- Fundraising : Tansania, Kenya and Uganda had worked together and submitted a joint application. This was encouraged. The resilience and leadership of Mildred and support from Sam - both board members are highly admired. Even if the funding was declined, individuals with unique skills were recruited, strengthening the network. We have learnt from this experience and will improve in future endeavours. We ask members to share any funding opportunities that you come across.

B.3 The 2024 Action Plan is on the agenda at this AGM. As members, your input will be appreciated.

B.4 Meetings:

There were 10 Board Meetings which deliberated on the Action/ Implementation Plan. Six Operational team meetings focussed on practical matters, planning and board presentations for Board resolution. A highlight was the hosting of the 1st Digital Conference, hosted by board member Scott from the USA.

1st Digital Conference: Extract from Bridging Ages November newsletter.

"The 2023 Bridging Ages International conference took place on the 12th and 13th of September with the theme of "Cross-Cultural Relationships Throughout History." The host, Bridging Ages North America, was originally going to stage an in-person conference in the Yukon Territory of Canada but when funding was not secured for the costly flights to that remote region, it was decided that a digital gathering would suffice for this year. Though an in-person Bridging Ages International conference is always preferred, the 2023 digital gathering of Time Travel practitioners was nonetheless a success."

B.5 Webinars:

Three webinars were hosted by Kalmar Lans Museum

31 January :

17 April: Time Travels and Education

4 December: Cultural Heritage and Peace Building

B.6 Newsletter: Newsletters for June and November can be viewed on the website: www.bridgingages.com

B.7 Bridging Ages website: the new website is almost in its completion stage. The content of the previous website can still be viewed under archive.

C. Highlights from the countries:

- **Latvia:** Tukums Museum is representing Bridging Ages International in Latvia. The museum organized a public Time Travel in commemoration of Barricades 1991. It is an annual event for students from local schools to meet eyewitnesses of the Barricades and discuss different issues standing around the fireplace in the town's central square.
- **Finland:** Finland is part of an Erasmus project "Digital Solutions for Applied Heritage" together with Sweden and Estonia. In this project, we test how the digital can create new forms of Time Travel.
- **Bridging Ages North America:** Scott Green staged a mall Time Travel event in the ghost town of Lake valley, New Mexico. He had a busy year engaged in Time Travel and hosting of the international virtual conference
- **Sweden:** Kalmar lars museum hosted 114 Time Travel events, with 3077 students and 545 adults.
- **Estonia:** The annual nationwide time travel was "**Jüriöö 1343**" (St Georges night 1343). In April 1343, an uprising of Estonian peasants. Their national time travel event is very impressive in management and co-ordination.
- **South Africa:** 2024 marks 18 years since the introduction of the Time Travel method to South Africa. A highlight has been a seminar for educators on Time Travel and Education.
- **Lithuania:** Time Travel education has received funding and school children will be able to be engaged in Time Travel activities.
- **Turkey:** The focus is to make future time travel scenarios more effective
- **Uganda:** Board member Sam is active and have been collaborating with Tanzania and Kenya in funding application.
- **Kenya:** Kenya is active participant in webinars and Bridging Ages activities. They remain committed .
- **Rhodes Island- Greece:** Anna Achiola, president of the "Medieval Rose" association is actively promoting Time Travel and have made many presentations.

D. Conclusion :

Please allow me to record my appreciation for the confidence shown in allowing me to serve as President for the past 4 years. It has been a fulfilling experience. This was only possible due to the wonderful support and commitment from the Board, members and stakeholders. Thank you. It is now time to pass the baton to others and I have every confidence that the incoming board will take Bridging Ages to new heights.

Finally, as Nelson Mandela said: "Everyone can rise above their circumstances and achieve success if they are dedicated to and passionate about what they do."

I am Because We Are!
Gulshera Khan- President

Report from the countries

Latvia.



Tukums Museum is representing Bridging Ages International in Latvia. It is actively providing 16 different educational programs including 7 different Time Travels. There were more than 193 programs held in 2023 which involved 4936 students. The most popular are Time Travel "Let's Experience 1905!", Time Travel to 1919" and "Christmas at Durbe Castle". Tukums Museum organized also a public Time Travel in commemoration of Barricades 1991. It is an annual event for students from local schools to meet eyewitnesses of the Barricades and discuss different issues standing around the fireplace in the town's central square. Traditional training courses were held also for teachers of arts in August and for history teachers of Tukums District in September 2023. There are also different programmes for adults.

The annual Summer seminar was organized for Latvian museum educators in cooperation with Olaine Local History and Art Museum as well as the Society for the Promotion of Museology in Baltics. The Summer Seminar "Time travel – approach and method in museum education" took place on August 13-14, 2023 in Olaine town and was devoted to Time Travels. 48 museum educators and museum communication specialists from various museums in Latvia gathered to share their experiences and learn from each other. Agrita Ozola, director of the Tukums Museum, focused on various approaches to cultural history research and heritage interpretation in her presentation "Time Travel as an Approach in the Research and Interpretation". She talked about Time travel as an educational method

that uses local heritage in the learning process to create reflections on contemporary issues and offer tools for building and developing a local Community. She presented various examples practised by the Tukums Museum. Discussions on how to complement and support the school education process, as well as consolidate local community stakeholder groups as a platform for learning, dialogue and reflection through local heritage are very active.

Olaine Local History and Art Museum presented different programs, including Time travel. They concentrate on teaching issues highlighting the difficult history of Latvia. Olaine town was developed during the soviet occupation period and its heritage was not recognised by local communities for a long period. The museum's aim is not so much to reflect on contemporary issues and how to involve people in heritage issues. Participants of the workshop were excited by the soviet heritage project and stories highlighted in the program "Touch the past. Feel today" and "What is a peat?."

The second day of the summer session took place in an outdoor exhibition of the Olaine History and Art Museum. Many participants first learned that there were hostilities between the Russian and German armies around Olaine during World War I and the period of the Freedom Fights. The swampy terrain made it a difficult place to defend, but Olaine's fights had a very important role in the process of the Latvian War of Independence.

Nowadays, at the initiative of the Olaine Museum, a cognitive trail has been established at the historic site near at a battlefield and some elements of the fortifications have also been restored. That place has also become an important memorial for locals to commemorate the events of the First World War. According to historical events, all participants of the workshop were assigned

roles in one of the warring parties (Latvian Army or Bermont troops) to participate in the Time Travel to 1919. The Time travel was managed by senior history specialist Māris Ribickis.

Tukums Museum is participating in the seed funding project Baltic Sea Time Travel for Community Building (BSTT) which is going on under the leadership of the Kalmar County Museum from October 2022 – March 2024. The project partners recognized that participation in the international projects gives a new perspective on common Baltic heritage and capacity building.

Tukums Museum had also a project "Exhibition "Siberian Letters" in France" which promoted the recognition of Latvia's cultural heritage on

an international scale introducing the international community to the nomination "Letters written in Siberia on a birch bark" included in the Latvian Register of the UNESCO Memory of the World program as a special documentary heritage that represents the spiritual strength and symbolic power of the authors of the letters. It reminds the world of the importance of standing up for democracy, civil liberties and national independence. The exhibition in Strasbourg was one of the main events during Latvia's presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe. The exhibition has opened wider opportunities for international cooperation and preparation of publication in the future.

Kristine Ozola and Egita Volinska

Finland



The Bridging Ages organization in Finland is the Ostrobothnian Children's Culture Network BARK, administrated by the Regional Council of Ostrobothnia. The region consists of 15 municipalities. The network is one of 35 children's culture centres in Finland, partly funded by the Ministry of Culture and Education. Through this national network, co-operations are done also in other parts of Finland.

Work in Finland.

In the region of Ostrobothnia, BARK worked together with heritage associations, museums and schools creating Time Travels and other heritage education programs.

Since a new national curriculum was introduced in Finland in 2016, many municipalities in the region used a cultural curriculum as a part of the curriculum. In these heritage education and Time Travels were also a part and gave the chance to all pupils to take part. 2023 was the year all 15 municipalities had a culture curriculum in our region.

Special projects.

We were part of an Erasmus project "Digital Solutions for Applied Heritage" together with Sweden and Estonia. In this project, we test how the digital can create new forms of Time Travel. In Finland, we have done Time Travel in a digital interdisciplinary format as well as co-create Time Travel with many schools. The transnational Time Travel to 1944 with 8th graders in all 3 countries in May, was a highlight. The project also produced a handbook.

In January, we kicked off a new Erasmus project "Peripheral Memories for the Future" in Spain, where we did a Time Travel with the public as well as partners. This project lifts forward youth, rural areas, and heritage. In October all partners from Spain, Lithuania, Romania, France and Finland met in Corsica with groups of youth from each country to learn more about heritage education and the Human Library method. Here BARK did a Time Travel

with all the participants as well as a workshop on intangible heritage.

Statistics.

During 2023, about 9000 children and youth took part in Time Travel activities. This included both the live and digital versions.

Annina Ylikoski

Bridging Ages North America (BANA)

Scott Green performs much of his Time Travel teaching through the nonprofit Friends of the Klondike Corridor. In 2023, Friends of the Klondike Corridor received a National Park Foundation grant to conduct Klondike Gold Rush Time Travels with youth in Alaska and Washington State. Throughout the fall of 2023, Scott taught the Time Travel Method to students in Seattle, Washington Haines, Klukwan, and Angoon, Alaska. The program, titled, "Time Traveling to Skagway's Past," will culminate in Time Travel events in May of this year in Skagway and Dyea, Alaska. Digital outreach and in-person Time Travel presentations will reach more than 200 students in Seattle and throughout Alaska this spring.

BANA hosted a Bridging Ages International digital conference in September of 2023 which featured over 20 participants and six presenters. The conference was a vibrant digital exploration of the Time Travel Method as applied to "Cross-Cultural Relationships Throughout History" and included representatives from Kenya, South Africa, Uganda, Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Greece, Italy, Türkiye, the U.S., and Canada.



(Scott at the small school in remote Klukwan, AK)



Scott staged a small Time Travel event in the ghost town of Lake Valley, New Mexico in October of 2023 and is also developing a Time Travel-themed tour for the nonprofit Friends of History in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Throughout 2023, Scott continued to lead the Friends of the Klondike Corridor's YouTube project featuring his portrayal of a Time Travel character and former 1897 Klondike Gold Rush stamper Tin Cup Kelly.

He is also currently working with former Bridging Ages president Annina Ylikoski on a digital Time Travel project which features a Finnish character emigrating to the United States and the Yukon Territory of Canada.

The videos are available here:

<http://www.youtube.com/@klondikecorridor>

Scott Gree

Sweden.

The educational department at the Kalmar County Museum conducts extensive international activities. Kalmar County Museum also hosts the office of Bridging Ages International.

The work within Bridging Ages is possible thanks to operational support from the Cultural Council and external funding for individual projects. The international work is anchored in the county museum's development strategy. The experiences and knowledge from the international collaborations are used to develop our operations in the county and nationally and are well connected to internationalization which is part of Kalmar County's regional development strategy's horizontal perspective.

During the year 2023, Kalmar County Museum has continued to host Bridging Ages International networking meetings and webinars for Bridging Ages members. These have been appreciated by the participants and are a simple way to spread knowledge and experience. The networking meetings were used as an informal meeting place for the agenda and the content was set by the participants themselves, while the webinars had a clearer agenda with guests who presented a current project or similar, based on a theme. In April, a webinar was arranged on the theme of Time Travel and Education and in December a webinar was arranged on the theme of Time Travels and Peacebuilding. A total of roughly 30 participants from 10 different countries took part.

Kalmar County Museum also received study visits from Kenya and Belgium and participated in an international conference on the theme of Museums for Peace, which was organized in Uppsala.

International Projects 2023.

DISAH

In the fall of 2021, the project Digital Solutions for Applied Heritage, DISAH, began. The project is financed by ERASMUS+. Nordic Center for

Cultural Heritage Pedagogy in Östersund is the project owner and project manager. Other project partners are Kalmar County Museum (SE), Jamtli (SE), BARK (FI), Estonian National Museum (EE) and Audentes School (EE). The aim was to develop various digital tools and educational programs where time travel and role-playing are in focus. Kalmar County Museum's development effort was based on creating tools to engage and involve teachers and students before and after a physical time travel.



In 2023, the first pilot attempt with a Transnational Time Travel was also carried out. Students at schools in Sweden, Estonia and Finland participated in this Time Travel.

They met digitally before and after the time travel, which was then carried out on-site in each school. The time travel was based on three different short scenes, in which the students got to experience three different countries during the same year 1944. The pilot turned out very well and the ambition is to develop this concept going forward. The project was finished in May 2023

BSTT

In 2022, funds were granted for the project "Baltic Sea Time Travels for Community Building". The project is financed by the Swedish Institute within the framework of Project Initiation in the Baltic Sea Area. The project includes the Österbottens förbund (FI),

National Museum of Estonia, (EE), Tukums Museum (LV), Klaipeda University (LI), Gargzdai Land Museum (LI), National Museum in Gdansk, (PL) and Wismar City Museum (DE). In 2023, two webinars were arranged within this project, where the participants worked around common themes. The theme of the first webinar was local challenges in using the Time Travel Method. The theme of the second webinar was to share experiences about different funding opportunities within the Baltic Sea area. Within the framework of BSTT, a network meeting was also arranged in Kalmar, when common method development issues were discussed and processed. The

project runs until spring 2024 and the Kalmar County Museum is the project owner.

Local time travel work.

In the local context, we made 114 Time Travels with 3077 students and 545 adults. 12 of them were from a project where Kalmar County Museum connected local heritage organisations, and 5-year-olds in preschool for a Time travel together at a local heritage site. This was a very appreciated project. KCM has got funding for another 12 Time travels during 2024. 16 of the Time travels were time travels to the future.

Kalmar Bridging ages team.

Bridging Ages Estonia

2023 was a fruitful and diverse year. The cooperation with Erasmus+ project partners from Sweden and Finland was very inspiring. In turn, the organisers of the nationwide Time Travels in Estonia succeeded in inspiring many teachers and museum educators. We have 356 members on our Facebook group, who share references and links to relevant radio or TV programmes, podcasts, seminars organised by different museums, etc.

Main activities:



The theme of the annual nationwide time travel, organised by the ERM and EAÜS, was "Jüriöö 1343" (St Georges night 1343). In April 1343, an uprising of Estonian peasants against the Danish and Livonian Order began. The uprising was bloodily suppressed, and this event or period marks the end of the age of ancient freedom in Estonia and Livonia

On this topic, 3 training days were organised for those interested in time travel, and in the period April 20 to May 31, programmes were held in different places in Estonia, **with the participation of about 1800 people.**

The Erasmus+ project (2021-2023) "Digital solutions for applied heritage - exploring transnational learning opportunities"(DISAH) has come to an end.

The Estonian National Museum took on the task of developing a digital time-travel, and so the digital time-travel "Digirännak 1991" was completed. This innovative educational program was nominated for the Estonian Museums of the Year Award in the Education category.

„Digirännak 1991“ can be found here: <https://www.erm.ee/et/digirannak-1991>,



In the framework of the same Erasmus+ project, **the first Transnational Time Travel to 1944** took place on 10 May, in cooperation with the 8th grade of Audentes School from Estonia. At the end of the year, we started preparations for the next nationwide time-travel event in 2024, the theme of which will be "The Great Escape to the West during the Second World War in 1944".

Kaari Siemer, presentations:

- 16.03. "Time travel - what is it?", University of Tartu, class teachers' course.

- 17.03 "Nationwide Time travels in Estonia. How to engage teachers?", Kalmar County Museum webinar for history teachers.
- 17.04 "Nationwide Time travels in Estonia. How to engage teachers?", Bridging Ages webinar "Time Travels and Education".

Pille Rohtla, presentations:

- August 2023. Introducing the digital time travel at the summer school of the Estonian Society of History and Society Teachers.
- November 2023. Lecture for class teachers at the University of Tartu, introducing the TT method.
- Introducing the digital time travel at the Council of Estonian History and Society Teachers.

Articles:

- Kaari Siemer, Pille Rohtla. "Stylishly into the past or a digital journey back to the days of Estonian re-independence ". Estonian National Museum's blog 1 September 2023 <https://blog.erm.ee/?p=16426>. In Estonian.
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- Kaari Siemer. "Time travel - a great method to strengthen cooperation between museums and schools. The experience of nationwide time travels in Estonia" (published in February 2024: <https://exarc.net/issue-2024-1/int/time-travel>). In English.
- *by Saale Randaru (Estonian National Museum)*

South Africa.

2024 marks the 30th anniversary of South Africa's first democratic elections on 29 April 1994. It also marks 18 years since the introduction of the Time Travel method to the Western Cape, KwaZulu Natal and the rest of the country, spreading to over 50 institutions. Individual institutions are implementing the Time Travel method within their work plan. Bridging Ages South Africa WhatsApp group keeps the network connected.

Below are some of the highlights during the 2023 period

Attendance Bridging Ages webinar. Dr Rueben Gounden presented on Time Travel and Education held on 17 April 2023.



On 24 August the Department of Sports, Arts and Culture through the Provincial Museum Service, KwaZulu Natal held a Time Travel back to 1976 on the theme: "Fighting for an Education that Matters"

The event was a collaboration with Stanger High School and KwaDukuza Museum. Struggle



songs and poetry were among the group activities.

KZN Museum Service in collaboration with Fort Nongqayi Museum Village and Baqaqe Primary School in Eshowe travelled back in time to 1880's to see the life of Nandi, a single mother who has raised King Shaka



A seminar was held with educators on 24 October 2023 on Time Travel and Education-attendance of 40 educators representing 15 schools.

Two active members of Potchefstroom, North West Province, viz Losette and Floyd Dipale are collaborating and started a Potchefstroom Time Travel Whats up group. They have started discussing new Time Travel events and new members were invited. This is inspiring. Port Shepstone Twinning Association made a presentation on Time Travel and the importance of Heritage, Arts and Culture at the International Heritage Day at Port Shepstone Museum.

International Collaboration

Slottskolan, Sweden and schools in South Africa : Ingwemabala CH School and Marburg Primary School

In October 2023, a delegation of two educators and 2 learners spent two weeks in our community. The collaboration continued with Ingwemabala Comprehensive High School and Marburg Primary School. There was an exchange programme last year between these schools. This collaboration is cemented on the 30

years of visits conducted by delegates from South Africa and Sweden managed by PSTA-Port Shepstone Twinning Association. A highlight of this educational programme was a Time Travel event., viz

Time Travel- Betania Mission 1912.

Goal.

1. The importance of lifelong learning
2. Use the Time Travel method as a way to support education in Natural Science and Mathematics, Social Science, and English as a medium of communication. Topics on energy and change, space and shape measurements.
3. Make learners understand the importance of local heritage site
4. Using water as an energy source as a means for sustainable development.



Physical Science lesson takes place as part of an activity during the Time Travel event

Bridging Ages work has been widely spread in talks, presentations and discussions to museums, schools and communities by the current president- Gulshera Khan. The past newsletters have been widely distributed throughout the year.

Gulshera Khan

Lithuania.

A brief overview of the year:



Successes and Challenges of 2023 at the Gargzdai Land Museum. At the beginning of the year, we learned the good news that Time Travel education has received funding and now Lithuanian schoolchildren will be able to use the service for free. During this year we developed a new education for seniors "Back to

Youth" Older people relax more quickly, get involved in activities and get into the role. Which surprised and delighted us as educators. With the Time Travel education, we took part in the city festival. Everyone who wanted to could take a time machine into the past. The education was adapted to the event and shortened.

In September we had a group of teachers from the "Millennium Schools" project, one of the activities of the project, to pass on the Time Travel methodology. The teachers themselves participated in the "Time Travel to July 1944" education at the museum and will now develop their education using this method.

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Türkiye

We have started to cooperate with Hacettepe University and the Nature Conservation Centre. We are working on "black sea climate modelling" with this institution. According to the results of this, we will make our future time travel scenarios more effective. There is a lot of

interest in travelling to the future these days. We need the development of future scenarios. This study will be completed in 2024. We do not have active fieldwork at the moment.

Hakan ADANIR

Uganda.



In the past year, we have been trying to solicit projects from KIX, a CIDA (Canada) funded organization and are waiting for our application's outcome. We applied to 3 countries Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania and our

leader Investigator is Maseno University of Kenya. In our application, the project is : *Leveraging on the Use of Indigenous Play-based Pedagogy for Inclusive Early Childhood Learning and School Readiness in East Africa* I have also participated in the virtual time travel that was staged this year and participated in most BA Board meetings. We at Entebbe are seeking a willing partner organization so that we can further our approved activities funded by ICLD which involved giving school-going children a platform to discuss climate change. Hopefully, we shall be able to have some climate change-related time travel very soon.

Samson Semakula

Kenya



Board Member Dr Mildred Ayere is a lecturer At Maseno University

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF BRIDGING AGES KENYA- BAK ACTIVITIES FOR 2023

Bringing ages Kenya has had relatively few activities in the last year due to other competing engagements. The activities include — Chapters working on work plans for the year 2023/2024

Members attending the BAI AGM in March 2023, Attending webinars organized by the BAI BAK meeting on 5/5/2023 to consolidate the work plans from various committees. However, some committees requested more time The lacklustre performance notwithstanding, the BAK hopes to reinvent itself through chapter activities, and at least 2 national activities this year.

Beatrice Okoth President, Bridging Ages, Kenya

Rhode Island, Greece

Presentation of a Good Practice (Time Travel) at the Anna Lindh Foundation (ALF) Network's meeting



image Michael Heller

The "Medieval Rose" association is an active member of the Greek network of networks, ALF. In 2023, its members participated in the annual meeting of the ALF Hellas in Thessaloniki (March 4-5) where, in the context of the presentation of good practices, the "Medieval Rose" members A. Achiola and E. Binikou, carried out a seminar on the Time Travel method, presenting, at the same time, the TT project they organized in Rhodes on 3-4/12/22, for teachers and trainers, on the topic "Traveling in Time through a Poem".

The presentation was attended by approximately 50 representatives of organizations - members of the ALF, from various cities of Greece.

Participation in the TEDx at Sitia

Anna Achiola, president of the "Medieval Rose" association, was invited to present the Medieval Festival and the "Time Travel" method, as a good practice at the TEDx, civil society conference in Sitia of Crete, on 22 October 2023. The title of the speech was: "Time Travel for Reflection". At TEDx, good practices are presented from different fields of science, technology, entertainment etc. as the purpose is to spread notable ideas that make a difference. The TEDx theme for 2023 was

entitled: "Mindshift" and the speech was attended by circa 70 people from various cities of Greece and different sectors, while it will soon be posted online on the international TEDx platform.

Seminar on the Time Travel method for the ARPOK Association.

An open seminar on the Time Travel method and how to use it was held by "Medieval Rose" on 14 December 2023, following an invitation from the Association of Architectural and Cultural Heritage (ARPOK) at the Medieval Lodge of England in the Old Town of Rhodes. The seminar was attended by 30 members, mainly artists, educators and tour guides.

Introduction of the "Time Travel" at the University of the Aegean



Following an invitation from the University of the Aegean and specifically from the Pedagogical Department of Primary Education, the "Medieval Rose" association presented the "Time Travel" method in the context of the "School Pedagogy" course, as an experiential education tool that could be used by future teachers. Dozens of students attended the lecture on 29 December 2023.

Anna Achiola

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