

YOUNG VOICES OF THE BALTIC SEA REGION

WHAT?

A Baltic Sea conference on youth issues for both youth and municipal officers dealing with youth issues

WHEN? WHERE?

15th-18th of May 2003, Kalmar, Sweden

WHO IS INVITED?

Two people aged 15-25, male and female from each city which is a member of the Union of the Baltic Cities
Municipal workers from all the UBC and non-UBC cities from the countries around the Baltic Sea
Representatives of the organisations dealing with youth issues in the Baltic Sea Region

WHY TO BE THERE?

To support the involvement of young people in the UBC cities
To enable youth to influence what is happening in the region
To discuss the questions important to young people
To inspire the cities on what is a youth friendly city
To establish international contacts
To create an UBC network on youth issues

HOW TO APPLY?

Please send back the registration form
(which is also available at www.kalmar.se/ungdom/youngvoices)
BY 23RD OF APRIL THE LATEST
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IMPORTANT LINKS

PROJECT'S WEBSITE

www.kalmar.se/ungdom/youngvoices

UNION OF THE BALTIC CITIES

www.ubc.net

MUNICIPALITY OF KALMAR

www.kalmar.se

THE CONFERENCE CENTRE

Brofästet Hotel, Kalmar
www.sodexo.se/english/hotellkonferens/brofastet
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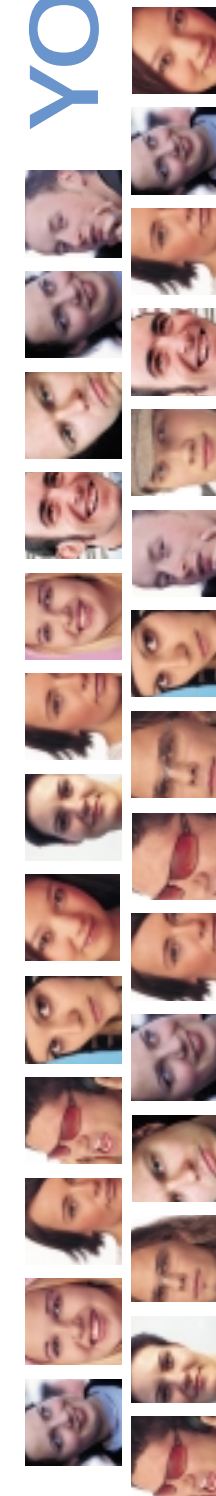
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YOUNG VOICES CONFERENCE



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BACKGROUND OF THE PROJECT

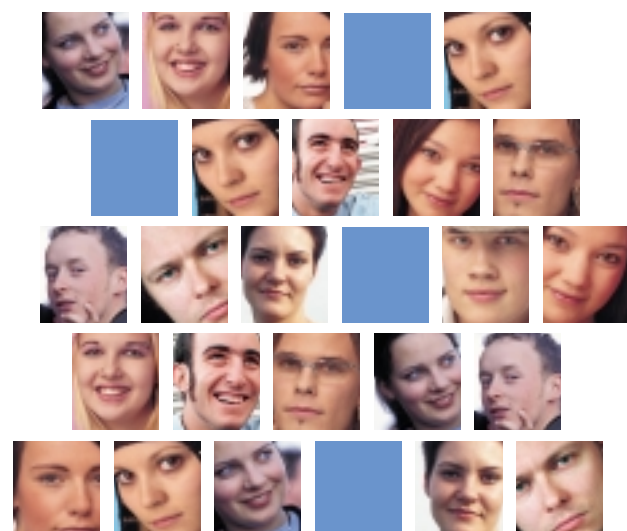
Young people comprise nearly 30% of the world's population. It is crucial for all societies to **establish a dialogue** between the generations and **involve young citizens in the decision-making processes**.

In this framework, the youth work is an important aspect also in the international co-operation, and especially within the Baltic Sea Region - one of the most dynamic parts of the world today. The conference "Young Voices of the Baltic Sea Region" provides an **opportunity for young people from the region to have an influence** on our common future.

Being aware of the above, the City of Kalmar together with the Union of the Baltic Cities and Baltic Sea Secretariat for Youth Affairs, decided to launch a **project aiming at supporting participation of youth** in the Baltic Sea Region.

That is the origin of "Young Voices of the Baltic Sea Region": conference to which we **invite youth and civil servants responsible for youth issues** in all UBC member cities as well as other actors and organisations dealing with youth matters.

The aim is to highlight the **youth involvement on the local and global level**, to discuss **the possibilities of the youth participation in UBC** and to show **"best practice"**. In the follow up of the conference the organisers also want to establish a **network on youth issues** within the structure of UBC.



CONFERENCE PROGRAM

THURSDAY – 15TH OF MAY

- 18.00 Official opening of the conference
- 19.00 Welcome buffet
- 20.00 "Get to know" activities
Meeting of the civil servants

FRIDAY – 16TH OF MAY

- 9.00 Introduction to the first session
- 9.30 Open square discussion (including a break)
Square 1 – Youth involvement and influence
Square 2 – Current issues for the young people in the Baltic Sea Region
- 12.30 Lunch
- 14.00 Workshops (including a break)
Issues tackled in each of the open square will be continued in the workshops:
 - How can you influence your city and school?
 - How can you affect the Union of the Baltic Cities?
 - How do you deal with politics and political organisation?
 - What is a youth friendly city?
 - What are your priorities in life?
 - How does the EU influence your daily life?
 - How do you fight against crime and violence?
- 18.00 Meeting of the developing groups
Developing groups will take all the material from workshops and put together a program of measures.
- 19.00 Dinner and evening activities

SATURDAY – 17TH OF MAY

- 9.00 "Best practice" seminars (including a break)
For those who want to learn more – "know-how" in different spheres.
 - Youth and equal opportunities
 - International youth work
 - Agenda21: environment and sustainability
 - Youth at the labour market
 - Young peoples' quality of life – stress, dependence and dreams
- 12.00 Lunch
- 13.30 Reports of the developing groups
Summing up of the conference
- 16.00 "Kalmar Game" – The sightseeing experience
- 20.00 Closing dinner and Farewell Party

SUNDAY – 18TH OF MAY

Departure from Kalmar

CONFERENCE FEES

UBC MEMBER CITIES	
Youth representatives (15-25, two people per city)	Conference costs covered
<i>The youth coming from the CEE countries (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Russia) can also get the reimbursement for 50% of the travel costs when using train, bus or ferry.</i>	
Civil servants from EU countries	2 400 SEK
Civil servants from CEE countries (Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, Poland, Russia)	1 400 SEK

OTHER CITIES/OBSERVER ORGANISATIONS	
Youth (15-25 years of age)	1 850 SEK
Other participants	2 400 SEK

The above mentioned conference cost includes accommodation in single rooms (youth participants in double rooms), meals and all conference activities.

If the number of the interested UBC cities exceeds the possibilities of the conference budget the organisers reserve the rights to limit the number of young people and civil servants receiving the coverage of conference expenses – in this case the cities which will enrol first will be prioritised.

TRAVEL SOLUTIONS

We kindly request each participant to fill in the travel information in the registration form.

In order to ease travel arrangements for the persons coming to Sweden by ferry, there will be organised special busses departing from the terminals in Stockholm and Karlskrona, going directly to the conference centre.