



Conferences

The Bridging Ages Conference 2010

Welcome to Kalmar, Sweden 17 - 19 November 2010

Applied Cultural Heritage

How telling the past at historic sites benefits society

Researchers and practitioners in the fields of Heritage and Education, from museums, universities, schools and all interested are invited to the conference. Places and stories, in the past and today, are in focus. What sites do we

choose as important? Who's stories do we tell? And how? In what way does it benefit the society of today? The conference will give time for presentations, discussions and reflections. And a Time Travel of course. Local organizers: The Linnaeus University and Kalmar County Museum. Info:

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The Bridging Ages Conference 2011

Welcome to the Estonian capital Tallinn, 8 - 12 June 2011

Using Time Travels to Explore Turning Points in History

Welcome to Estonia!

Tallinn City Museum invites members and partners of the Bridging Ages to take part in the conference and the medieval festival Old Town Days in the vibrant city of Tallinn. The Tallinn City Museum and its ten branches focuses on various periods and themes of the past, the present and the future.

In 2011 the Estonian capital Tallinn will serve as the European Capital of Culture. Come to Tallinn and take part in presentations, discussions and reflections about how to use Time Travels to explore Turning Points in History. The Time Travel will probably go to the 1980s, a Turning Point in Estonian history.

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Words from the President

It is a fascinating time to be the president of an organization like Bridging Ages. The interest for heritage is growing. The heritage gives us roots and identity, it is important in education and tourism. But it also has dark sides that need to be revealed and discussed. The heritage gives meaning to people and can be of importance in today's society. There are many stories in a diverse society.

In a workshop in Worcester, South Africa in October 2009 it was discussed what is Historic Environment Education and Time Travels. The conclusion was that it always include the following:

- **It focuses on local sites and the stories of the sites.**
 - **It has a bottom up perspective, history from below.**
 - **In the key questions today and the past are connected**
 - **There is an interaction with the community and the schools in research, education/studies and TimeTravels.**
 - **A Time Travel always has a reflecting dialogue; learning by doing, reflection and challenging.**
- Probably these items are true not only for South Africa but for other countries as well.

Bridging Ages is a slowly, but steadily, growing organization. We need to inspire and encourage each other. The conferences are good opportunities to meet, to learn and to find friends. So, go to Tallinn in 2011, a fantastic city. And if you have time, go to Kalmar 2010, as well.

*Now is the time to start study groups in local history.
Now is the time to discover the forgotten stories from the past.
Now is the time to expose the historical landscape that surrounds us.
Now is the time to engage people of all traditions in the local heritage.
Now is the time to organize historical events and Time Travels.*



Interested partners are not far from you.

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President of Bridging Ages*

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