

Call for Papers

Bridging Ages International Conference in Ngurunit, Kenya 26-28 August 2014

Organizers: Bridging Ages Northern Kenya, BANK, Kenyatta University and National Museums of Kenya in cooperation with Bridging Ages International and Marsabit County

Education, Heritage and Community Building

The conference will focus on how education, heritage and community can cooperate to develop the community and improve education. Consider the following:

- The use of local history and life experiences of community members (young and old, women and men) can be important tools in in education in the local school in any subject: Science, Mathematics, History, Art, Life Orientation etc. In what way does this kind of education improve skills, knowledge and understanding of the pupils?
 - Oral history and interviews are instruments to make local places and topics understandable, also sensitive and hidden stories. What are the stories to be told and the local places to be used in education; and why these places and stories?
- Education can be used to build and develop the local community, old and new skills are needed. The use of the landscape can be an important factor. We want examples of when education and heritage is used to create jobs in the local community but also to support cohesion, integration, human rights and dignity.

The plan is to organize workshops and sessions with presentations and creative discussions around different themes in line with the topic.

We welcome papers on research or practical experiences, from people in schools, universities, museums, heritage organizations, NGOs, municipalities, elderly care or anybody who have an interest in the topic.

Bridging Ages is an international organization in Historic Environment Education and Time Travels with members in more than 20 countries around the world. The focus is on the use of local history for the benefit of society, in education, community, tourism etc, "Applied heritage".

Please check the website for information on the conference and ongoing projects in Kenya and other countries in Africa, Europe, USA and Asia www.bridgingages.com

Please send your paper proposal with an abstract and a presentation of yourself, not more than one page to <u>steven_labarakwe@yahoo.com</u> and <u>ebbe.westergren@kalmarlansmuseum.se</u>

We need the title/ topic of your proposal no later than 15 February 2014 in order to organize the workshops/ sessions and your final abstract before 15 March.

For further information, use the same e-mail addresses as above

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