



A CALL FOR STORIES

Culture and education are intertwined. Both are enabling factors for personal development and for full and active participation in society. Multicultural society is a challenge and the capacity to accept differences is enhanced through education and culture. The value of cultural perspective in the learning processes is indisputable. It contributes to understanding of the importance of cultural diversity and seems to be the heart of the social cohesion.

In a more restricted sense, as music, arts, literature, culture is a learning tool. It demonstrates how we can utilize artistic expressions and cultural resources and practices.

Education through culture not only strengthens such skills as innovative and creative thinking, critical reflection, communicational and inter-personal skills, but also enhances the social adaptability, dialogue-based relations, tolerance and acceptance. Social cohesion, cultural diversity and sustainable development are only few benefits of introducing the cultural practices into education policies.

The next Baltic Cities Bulletin will be entitled:

Education through culture

We would like to invite you to send the stories introducing the city's activities combining the culture/art and education. Multicultural society is a fact today. What does your city do to adopt concrete measures to enhance intercultural dialogue and encourage cultural and educational exchanges across borders? Are there any intercultural learning programmes implemented? How are the cultural and artistic activities in your city utilized for the learning purposes? The stories describing the cooperation between teachers and artist/cultural workers would be especially appreciated.

As usual, apart from the main theme, we are looking forward to receiving stories on interesting events and daily life news from our member cities. Those articles are published in the chapter "News from Member Cities". The UBC Commissions are welcome to inform about their events, meetings and projects in the chapter "UBC Today".



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Please follow these guidelines when submitting your story:

- Deliver the story by e-mail to: anna.dargiewicz@gdansk.gda.pl in MS WORD format. Please remember to kill the viruses before sending it. Please expect confirmation of reception. Lack of confirmation means that the message is not delivered.
- Each member city may submit two articles - one related to the cover theme and one to the chapter "News from Member Cities". All stories shall be sent in English.
- Each article may have max 400 words, no more than 1 page A4, font TimesNewRoman 12pt. The editorial board sometimes needs to shorten the stories in order to include more stories into the Bulletin. It is also important to include the author's name and contact details for any follow-up questions related to the story.
- Please make all efforts to include a smashing photo or a digital picture to illustrate the article (JPG format, min. 300 ppi, one e-mail - one picture, the file should not exceed 3 MB). Remember to send us also the coat of arms of your city, if you have not sent it earlier.
- The deadline for stories to the Bulletin is **22 April 2013**. Please respect this timetable as we are unable to print out stories received after this deadline.

All the material should be sent directly to the UBC Secretariat in Gdańsk. If you have interesting issues to report, please do not hesitate to send them.

The bulletin is distributed in 5000 copies all around the Baltic Sea Region to over 200 Baltic cities and numerous key organizations and institutions, including the EU.

Looking forward to your reply,

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