

BRIDGES OVER THE SEA

I am delighted to invite you to participate in the Youth Conference Bridges Over the Sea, which will be held September 22-25, 2009 in Kristiansand, Norway.

We are living in the Baltic Sea Region, so it is definitely beneficial to all of us if we are able to create bridges over the sea - bridges are not always physical, sometimes we need bridges from older to younger generations, bridges from politicians to citizens, bridges from one culture to another. UBC Youth Conferences certainly help us to construct these bridges needed.

Young people – you are the resource for the future! Sooner or later you will take over our cities and make important choices, so it is wise for you to be connected to the decision making and participate already here and now.

Good outcome of the previous conferences let us expect that this year will be fruitful as well – this year there will be many new ideas and proposals made on safety, attractiveness or the prosperity of the region.

Youth representatives of the city together with civil servants responsible for youth work or youth workers are all warmly welcomed to take part in the conference Bridges Over the Sea!



Sincerely,
Kaia Jäppinen
Chairman of the UBC
Commission on Youth Issues
Deputy Mayor of Tallinn



Welcome to Kristiansand and the COYI youth conference Bridges over the Sea. We are very happy to have so many young guests in our city in September. For several days you will have the possibility to discuss and exchange youth issues and ideas at Samsen cultural house which we are very proud to present to you. Our Youth Council with their members will be your hosts for the side program of the conference, and we hope you will have enough time to get to know our city too.

We wish you pleasant days in Kristiansand and hope that the conference will lead to good cooperation and relations amongst the youth from the Baltic cities in the future.

Per Sigurd Sørensen
Mayor of Kristiansand



Where Kristiansand, Norway

When 22-25 September 2009

Who is invited Youngsters from the age 16–25 and civil servant/youth workers from all the UBC member cities.

Registration You will find the registration form at: www.ubc-youth.org. Final date to register is **31st** of July. After the deadline we will inform all participants that have been selected to take part in the conference.

Programme After arrival on **22nd** you can see the city of Kristiansand by taking part in a treasure hunt game. Afterwards meet other participants at Samsen Culture center where you can use the skatepark, learn some easy dance steps, climb the walls and introduce your country. Pizza is also included!



23rd is dedicated to four big workshops
Go Green! – Why should you engage in our environment?

Future Success – How to make the Baltic Sea Region a more prosperous place?

Be Creative! – How can we create an attractive and accessible Baltic Sea Region?

Safe Sex/rights – Is the Baltic Sea Region tolerant towards all sexual preferences?

After a hard day of work we go out to Bragdöya island to have a barbecue dinner with games.

24th starts with workshops
Intercultural Region – Learn from the past and create a better future

Action in Europe – What are the possibilities for you in the EU?

Get Smart! – How your life can get environmentally friendly

Lunch will be eaten with politicians – a chance to ask questions or discuss some topics you are interested in.

After lunch there will be Open Space with seven different small topics and Youth Square with information about EVS, COYi, EU possibilities and Tolerance trip.

The day will end with a Good Bye party at Samsen.

25th is for departure from breakfast to lunch.



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Also look at the web page for new information:
www.ubc-youth.org



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