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COMMISSION ON YOUTH ISSUES

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Commission on Youth Issues, Administration

From January 1st 2010, city of Liepaja, Latvia is the vice-chair of the Commission on Youth Issues. The new vice-chairman is Mr. Gunars Ansins, Deputy Mayor of Liepaja. The secretariat and administration of the Commission have been moved from Kalmar, Sweden to Tallinn, Estonia in December 2009 – January 2010. Tallinn is still chairing the Commission but since Mrs. Kaia Jäppinen, Deputy Mayor of Tallinn, resigned from her post, the new chair has been assigned from Tallinn's side and is Mrs. Yana Toom, Deputy Mayor (Tallinn City Government Order nr 1 385-k from September 15, 2010).

The youth representatives are members of the Commission for two years then the city elects new youth representatives.

Delegations from chair and vice-chair cities met to discuss Commission Issues in Tallinn, April 16th, 2010. Issues discussed: plans and budget of 2010; goals of the Commission for next years; actions; finding extra resources; problems with taking over Secretariat.

Commission meetings during the period September 2009 – September 2010.

1. Commission meeting in Kristiansand during the UBC X General Conference (together with Commission on Education) September 25th, 2009. Topics discussed: network of youth nature schools; qualified vocational education; overview of coming activities of Commission on Youth Issues; joint activities between Commissions.

2. Commission meeting in Liepaja, Latvia on June 10-12th 2010. 28 people from 14 different cities participated and one representative from UBC Commission on Sports.

6 cities made a presentation on youth policy in their city. During the workshop 2 project drafts were prepared: Youth Democracy Project and Summer School for Youth Workers and Youth Leaders Project, cities expressed their willingness and interest towards the projects and at least one of the projects will be finalized either with the help of Animare Project Management or other by the end of 2010.

Joanna Lehman made a presentation about UBC Commission on Sport and Grant Session entitled "Sport is cool!" which is held by UBC Commission on Sport. She gave an overview of UBC Commission on Sport - its structure, overall activities, campaigns, grants and activities in the nearest future. Cooperation between Commissions was discussed and agreed.

Vilis Bruveris made a presentation about a youth driven project called IDEA House in Aizpute (Latvia) municipality. He gave an overview of the main principles, activities, development and achieved results of IDEA House.

Iлона-Evelyn Rannala made a presentation about the questionnaire carried on youth policies in UBC cities; strategy and communication of the Commission. Main strategical issues were discussed and found appropriate to carry on. Main aspects of the communication were discussed but it was decided to continue with the subject on communication at Rostock meeting in October.

Second workshop was held for brainstorming on Youth Conference in 2011 in Liepaja. Main topics were chosen.

It was decided to hold next meetings (2011-2012) of the Commission in Finland, Poland, and Lithuania to activate more cities from these countries to participate in the work of the Commission on Youth Issues.

3. Open Commission meeting will be held in Rostock, Germany 26-28th of October 2010. Main topics: overview of the results of questionnaire carried out by Commission during the spring-summer 2010 and discussion on the importance of prioritizing youth issues and existence of youth policies in UBC cities; strategical planning and better communication of the Commission; finalizing new project(s) and planning youth conference 2011; proposals for co-operation made to Commission; visiting youth friendly places in Rostock.

Other works

1. Web-page renewal works in May 2010
2. Developing an online questionnaire for UBC cities with the purpose of finding out if cities have a youth policy/strategy and what are main focuses, issues. Carrying out the questionnaire. May-August 2010. Introduction of the results and possibly keeping the questionnaire opened until December 2010.
3. Cooperation meeting with Yc3 (Youth Cross-Boarder Cooperation and Communication) in July 2010 in Karlskrona, Sweden. The main aim was to establish contacts and look for possibilities of cooperation in future. For Commission on Youth Issues the cooperation can bring in more youth opinions and involvement.