



**UBC TASK FORCE ON YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND WELL-BEING
3rd Meeting, Karlskrona, Sweden
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Minutes

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MONDAY, 6 October 2014, 10:00 – 17:00

Place Bubbetorps Gård

Presentations: materials and products from each country

All the materials collected between Turku and Karlskrona meetings were presented. TF members discussed about the materials. Materials show that in most UBC countries youth unemployment rates have raised during the last two years due to the well-known problems in European and global economy. However, report also shows that there are, after all, many reasons for optimism; for instance, multivocational co-operation, guidance and support and many other services are extremely functional in many UBC-cities. These practices are vital in supporting the well-being of youngsters and ensuring the availability of the future's work force when the economy finally turns to better.

Lunch and tour around Bubbetorps Gård

TF members took part in a guided tour in Bubbetorps Gård.

Joint discussion: final form of the publication

TF members discussed about the final form of the publication / interim report. It was decided that the publication will be divided into three sections, which are:

- statistics from different countries and cities
- where are we now? where will we be tomorrow?
- where the magic happens (true success stories)

All TF members were given more time to contribute for the interim report. New deadline is October 17th.

Results of the day

See: above.

End of the meeting and transport to the centre of Karlskrona

TUESDAY, 7 October 2014, 9:00 – 14:00

Place Karlskrona Navigatorcentrum

Workshops: Proposals and initiatives for the UBC Executive Board and UBC cities (based on the publication)

TF members discussed about the plans for the year 2015 and proposals for the UBC Executive Board.

Results of the workshops

The members of the Task Force decided that the work plan for the next year is as follows:

1. Solutions for the existing challenges through TOP 7 questions

- 1) How to motivate youngsters? Tools and methods
- 2) How to promote social entrepreneurship and social economics?
- 3) How to recognize and validate skills of the youngsters?
- 4) New ways for guidance and support of Immigrant-youngsters that arrived in their teens
- 5) How we can use new technology more efficiently in guidance, support and education?
- 6) Steps from ill-being to well-being and employment
- 7) How we help the system to become more diversity-friendly?

Partners who didn't participate the Karlskrona meeting can suggest more questions before or during the next meeting in Riga.

Means to find the answers to the questions 1-5:

- a) collecting the good practises (using, for example, existing UBC documents and other best practices from previous projects and development work)
- b) transfer of innovation (study visits, lectures, workshops)
- c) joint development to create new solutions

Means to find the answers to the question 6:

- use of a Dutch system as a starting point (presented by partner from Karlskrona), where the most important step is step number one (usually to get out of home)
- collection of similar processes in UBC and elsewhere in EU
- final outcome (draft): UBC TF creates own model, which will be presented to the UBC Board

Means to find the answers to the question 7

- use of a Copenhagen approach as a starting point (presented by partner from Riga)
- final outcome (draft): check-list for the diversity-friendly environment

Responsibilities and measures

- will be decided in Riga meeting

2. Joint projects

- Baltic Sea Region Conference in Warsaw 26.-27.11.
- planning of the joint projects together according to schedules given by EU and other possible funding authorities
- collection of project ideas (also other than mentioned in the TOP 7 questions)

3. Final report and dissemination of the results

- short report from each city about the implementation of the UBC programme Promoting the Well-Being and Employment of Youngsters (2-3 pages)
- whole report will be presented in the UBC General Conference in Gdynia
- dissemination through web-sites (UBC-website, organisation's own web-sites and other web-sites), networks, seminars and dissemination events
- the best products will also be printed if there is a funding for that

Things that will be done between Karlskrona and Riga meetings

- finalising the interim report; DL for statistics and success stories will be 17th of October
- interim report will be presented for the UBC Board
- making a schedule for the joint project activities (EU schedules, DLs, themes etc.)
- collecting each cities' good practices / success stories to answer the TOP 7 questions to OpenDrive; DL January 16th 2015 (OpenDrive platform will be opened in early December)

Information about Karlskrona Navigatorcentrum and lunch

Participants took part in a guided tour in Karlskrona Navigatorcentrum.

Further steps and practical issues: next meeting, milestones and responsibilities etc.

Next meeting will be held in Riga either 29th and 30th of January or 5th and 6th of February. TF Chairman will send TF members a Doodle-questionnaire about suitability of the dates.

Interim report will be send to the UBC Executive Board before their next meeting in the end of October 2014. TF partners will be asked to fill in the missing parts of the interim report before 17th of October.

Evaluation of the meeting

Accordind to evaluation of the participants, meeting was very successful, though it was a pity that only six members of the TF were able to participate in the meeting. However, many partners who were not able to participate due to other meetings or work at their own organisations contributed to the interim report/publication and expressed their willingness to participate the next meeting and the process.

End of the meeting and departure