

## **ACTIVITY REPORT**

### **YOUTHFUL CITIES COMMISSION**

#### **2018**

#### **1. Youthful Cities Commission**

Kolding Municipality is the chair of the Youthful Cities Commission during the years of 2018 and 2019. Carsten Adamsen is in charge of the work.

Kolding will follow-up on the work of former chair, Gävle, trying to further develop the Commission towards more cooperation. Kolding will also try to keep a close working relationship with the vice chair Riga. We will continue to try to give youth of the member cities possibilities to connect to the works of the other UBC commission and invite them to take place in specific events.

#### **2. Meetings/seminars/conferences**

##### **Riga, Latvia, Januar 15th – 16th 2018 – Handing over chair from Gävle to Kolding**

Meeting of the YCC secretariat in Riga with handing over chair, discussing the ongoing works and planned activities to follow up. Also introducing the vice-chair Riga to the commission work.

##### **Stockholm, Sweden, March 6th, 2018 – cooperation meeting with BSSSC, ERB, LSU and CBSS**

The focus of this meeting was our upcoming joint seminar at the annual EUSBSR forum in Tallinn.

##### **UBC EBM, Rostock Germany, March 12th – 15th 2018**

The Youthful Cities Commission was represented at the EBM by the commission chair, Carsten Adamsen, who presented the ongoing works on our seminar „Nothing about us without us!“ at the annual EUSBSR forum in Tallinn with the focus on digital tools to improve youth participation in cities.

##### **Narva, Estonia, March 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 – Open Commission meeting**

36 people participated in the commission meeting (X youth, Y official from Z cities)

The main working theme of the meeting was “Digital tools to improve youth involvement and participation” – directly linked to our upcoming seminar/workshop at the annual EUSBSR forum in Tallinn later in 2018. The seminar/workshop is a cooperation between UBC YCC, BSSSC, ERB and LSU.

Besides this the commission meeting also included news from the chair regarding the ongoing work of the chair.

##### **Tallinn, Estonia, June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> 2018 – Preparation seminar for the EUSBSR annual forum**

Following up on our engagement in the two previous annual fora, this year we together with BSSSC, ERB and LSU (Swedish national organisation of youth councils) we arranged the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the seminar “Nothing about us without us!”. This year the focus was on which digital tools cities could use to improve local participation and involvement. The seminar hosted 80 participants.

A direct result from this seminar was that we (UBC, BSSSC and ERB) decided to create the “Baltic Sea Region Youth Declaration” which would become a living document to include the views and opinions of all youth of the BSR. A dedicated website has been created and will go online later this year.

Also we decided to write an application together with BSSSC and ERB for a Baltic Youth Camp Event closely linked to the 10<sup>th</sup> annual forum 2019 in Gdansk. That application has been approved with €65.000.

**Berlin, Germany, August 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> – CBSS**

Meeting with CBSS representatives to give UBC input regarding CBSS Baltic Sea Youth Dialogue 2019.

**Gdansk, Poland, September 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> – Baltic Sea Youth Camp 2019**

Second meeting regarding our joint (UBC, ERB, BSSSC) project.

**Rostock, Germany, October 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, Open Commission Meeting**

21 persons attended from 11 UBC cities. 10 youth participated. Also specially invited was 2 members of the BSSSC Youth board to talk about their ways of working. Main theme of the meeting was the European charter on local youth work as well as the European competence model for international youth work. Also on the agenda was preparation session for the 2019 General / Youth Conference in Kaunas, Lithuania

**UBC EBM, Malmö Sweden, October 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> 2018**

The Youthful Cities Commission was represented by the chair, Carsten Adamsen, who presented the general ideas of the joint project BSR Youth Camp 2019 and short minutes from the open commission meeting just held in Rostock

**Planned activities for the rest of 2018 and beginning of 2019**

1. Work meetings reg. Baltic Sea Youth Camp (with ERB/BSSSC)
2. Work meetings reg. Baltic Sea Youth Declaration (with ERB/BSSSC and more)
3. Task force Youth Conference with a group of youth
4. Cooperation with other commission
5. Erasmus+ projects
6. Work meetings with UBC YCC Vicechair – Riga, Latvia about further commitments