

Cities managers of energy and enthusiasm

Sharing the European Dream

1948, 2018, 2038: **a real time machine**. Are you ready for a very risky (almost outside your comfort zone) but gratifying ride?

If so you will be present in Rostock, where you will participate more than actively in creating the reality of our well integrated societies for the year 2038. We all want a high level of quality of life and we all want to guarantee the future for our grandchildren. Don't we?

As moderator of this conference I would like to personally invite you to come:

- and share your experience of migration, or of the generations before you,
- to share your experience of living together with new migrants,
- and to share your dream of how to live together in 2038...

At the beginning we will go into different moments of migration, especially the past ones. My own experience of this is dumbfounding¹ but I am the product of multiple migrations and live them, because I have to and want to. We will certainly remember the big waves of migration, but we will concentrate most of our time on the future.

By "**being**" in 2038 – by talking then in the present tense, we will get closer to that reality, create it... Then, suddenly, we will look back to see how was it possible to achieve such successes, creating milestones and plans. Of course we will work in several different groups, but we will put these pictures together to see the "big picture" of a well integrated society.

What will you go home with? Ideas of what successes you have already managed, those which others have done and those that no one has thought about but which may help to do what you want to do in your cities and areas. More importantly plenty of **energy and enthusiasm!**

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The method we will use: "**appreciative enquiry**"² – a US business method, which concentrates on creating a future reality through words, stressing that we all have positive capacities and capabilities to act, and bringing the doing reality closer, through words, through creative dreams, through future planning and through seeing the milestones covered. Each workshop will have a well prepared moderator, a scribe and maybe even a "wise" person, but the experts and speakers are you, the participants.

COME AND JOIN THIS VITAL WORKING/LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR THE FUTURE. FEEL PERSONALLY INVITED BY THE UBC, BY YOUR CITY AND BY ME as we are all responsible for the planet our grandchildren are lending us.

HOPE TO SEE YOU IN ROSTOCK

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² see [The Appreciative Inquiry Commons - Champlain College](#) and many others