



XII UBC General Conference "Investing in young people. Combating youth unemployment and marginalization - from words into action", Mariehamn, Åland, 1-4 October 2013

Dr Susanne Gaschke, Mayor of Kiel, to speak at the XII UBC General Conference in Mariehamn



The participants will hear about Kiel's initiatives and projects directed to youth.

Dr Susanne Gaschke (SPD) has been Mayor of Kiel, the capital city of Schleswig-Holstein, since 1 December 2012. In Kiel's fourth direct mayoral election the "Zeit" newspaper journalist and non-fiction author won 54.09 per cent of the votes in the second ballot on 11 November 2012 and came out on top against Gert Meyer (CDU). Gaschke has been an active member of the German Social Democratic Party (SPD) for 25 years. Already as a student, she was politically committed as the chairperson of the students' union (ASTA) of Kiel University. Gaschke has always remained true to her home city of Kiel as a place to live and a focus for her life.

The UBC General Conference in Mariehamn will focus on difficult situation regarding the high level of youth unemployment in the Baltic Sea Region. The youth representatives, as well as the cities, will both prepare their plan of action to combat youth unemployment and marginalization. The guiding principle in all proceedings is "*combating youth unemployment and marginalization - from words into action*".

The bi-annual General Conference is the highest organ and central event of the UBC, the main organisation and representative of the local authorities in the BSR.

More information and registration to the conference at:

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