



The first DfP youth exchange in Skellefteå

“Friendship and Social Media” youth exchange was hosted by Solsidan youth center with GAIAC, Municipality of Cinisello Balsamo and A.C.T.O.R. as partners.

Between 18-25th July two Drums for Peace exchanges took place: one hosted by Arci La Quercia in Chiavenna, IT, and another hosted by youth-centre “Solsidan” in North-Swedish Skellefteå in cooperation with DfP-member “51’eren” there.

It was first time to have a youth-exchange in Skellefteå, which is 230 km.

north of the home of our other Swedish DfP-member in Örnsköldsvik, and so almost 900 km. north of Stockholm.

It has been a big challenge to organise the exchange, and again it is in place to conclude that the new Erasmus+ funding rules are favourising projects in big cities with big international airports.

From Drums for Peace



Full group at the Traestock festival

Steve and Richardt came as workshop-leaders, and Richardt also functioned as assisting project-leader together with the 2 local youth-workers Kalle & Malin in order to keep-up with DfP-standards. Richardt tells “A very nice and strong performance was created and performed for local people in a park and on a big festival in Skellefteå named

Traestock (Woodstock)”. The young people from Skellefteå were very happy about participating in the exchange in Stubbekoebing last summer, so they wanted to host one themselves, and they have had weekly meetings during winter and spring in order to prepare for the project.



Full group in Skellefteå

Other news

Unfortunately GAIAC hasn't got approved neither “Sol e Arte” and “Footprints” nor “All Aboard for Inclusion” which should also have functioned as annual Drums for Peace-meeting, but as decided at the board-meeting in March we will have the annual meeting anyways: 25-28th November.

Between 31.7-7.8 there is a Drums for Peace youth exchange in Nykoebing Falster (DK) hosted by CultHus, and here it will be first time with a female

team of workshop-leaders: Gunita (LV) with circus, Daniela (RO/DK) visual art, and Clara (DK/DE) with dance.

At the same time there are 2 other exchanges in Guldborgsund Municipality (DK) taking place 31.7-7.8 and involving a row of DfP-members: in Sakskoebing a.o. Helsinki Pioneers and Liepaja Children & Youth Centre, and in Stubbekoebing at UKS (Young Culture in Stubbekoebing) there is a group from A.C.T.O.R. (RO) plus one from Poland.