



**2nd Annual Conference of the Cities for Children Network
May 6 and 7, 2008 in Stuttgart City Hall**

**Meeting of the Working Group 6 „Youth Participation“
May 7, 2008**

Moderation: Esther Visser, Julie d'Hondt; City of The Hague

Participants:

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Ilze Rudaka, City of Riga
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Tiia Heinäsuo, City of Tampere
Bettina Marlony, City of Kassel
Stephanie Topping, City of St. Helens
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Introduction:

The moderators explain the goals of the meeting:

- Presentation of two best practises
- Collecting themes for the working agenda of the working group
- Decide on priorities and new host cities

The participants introduce themselves and describe what they expect to learn from the future meetings and like to discuss most.

Main wishes:

- Get new ideas
- Information about youth work
- Other cities' best practice

Example/ Best Practice Tampere:

Powerpoint-presentation by Mrs. Heinäsuo about the structures of youth participation in Finland, especially Tampere.

Example/ Best Practice The Hague:

Film shown by Mrs. Visser and Mrs. d'Hondt about three projects of youth participation and youth work in The Hague; "Youth Ambassadors", "Blockparties", and youth centres.

1.) Brainstorming for Ideas and topics - suggestions:

- Asking local youth councils in each city for ideas
- How to reach pupils outside the school
- Ways of combination of formal and informal youth work
- Does best practice in youth work change with every generation
- How to cooperate with other associations, corporations, and partners
- How to finance projects (EU "Youth in Action")
- How to recruit/ get young people involved in political processes/ how to motivate and attract
- How to sensitise (reach) adults for youth work
- How to create a public conscience for in favour of youth participation projects
- How to reach youngest kids (example of City-maps by City of Kotka)

Selected main future topics:

- Recruitment of young people (problems with distance, where to find them?)
- Finance (do we collect money by sponsors etc)
- communication: (how to make youth participation visible, how to prepare adults to work with young people, the world or language of young people and adults/politics)
- Involve young people
- Overview of projects/topics/results (what are the (in)formal ways of learning)

3.) Host of the next Meeting:

- Offenbach (Germany) and Naestved (Denmark) would like to be the host in the future.

The Moderators mention, that the overall functioning of the Network's WGs will be discussed with the former and future moderating cities in the frame of a moderators meeting in Stuttgart in September.

Protocoll as of June 12, 2008, by Sven Schuhmann (City of Stuttgart), Esther Visser and Julie d'Hondt