

## Twin cities meeting 2022 and 2024

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Dear all,

Today we had the second meeting about the upcoming twin cities meetings and the results/decision from both meetings are:

- The next twin cities meeting will be arranged in Uppsala in May 2022. Due to the fact the we have local elections on Iceland on May 28<sup>th</sup> we will arrange the conference during the first half of May. Suggested dates are May 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> or May 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. Please let me know if you have any preferences regarding these two alternatives.
- The meeting after that will be arranged in Tartu in 2024, the same year when Tartu is the European Capital och Culture. The exact dates for this meeting needs to be discussed
- The next pre-meeting will be arranged in Uppsala in august 2021. Suggested dates are August 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. Please let me know if these dates are ok for you. Of course we cross our fingers and hope that we can meet here in Uppsala by then, otherwise we need to have a digital pre-meeting again.

Later on we need to discuss how to plan the conferences after 2024. The reason is the local elections on Iceland that takes place in the end och May every fourth year (2022, 2026, 2030 etc). This means that it will be difficult for the politicians from Hafnarfjörður to participate when the conference is arranged at the same time as the local elections. But we have until 2026 to find a solution here

Regarding the theme for the conference in May 2022; we still plan to have the same theme for the conference (Human Rights). The large human rights conference that was planed to take place here in Uppsala in December 2020 has been moved to spring 2022 so we still have the opportunity to connect this conference to the Twin cities conference as we discussed during our first pre-meeting a couple of month ago. We can continue our discussion about this at the pre-meeting in August next year.

Furthermore, we have discussed to arrange a digital meeting between our mayors (perhaps even with a group of leading politicians from each city) in May 2021 in order to “keep in touch”. I think that you all agreed that this is a good idea. Since we already have the twin cities meeting in the agendas on May 27-29 I suggest that we reserve May 27<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon for this digital meeting. Furthermore I suggest that the topic for this meeting would be the Covid-19 pandemic where the purpose is to compare and share knowledge and experiences on how each city has handled the pandemic. (compare local actions in order to handle the pandemic, each cities main conclusions from the work so far and how each city work to support the re-start the local economy (hopefully.....) Do you think this is a good idea?

Finally we have discussed to arrange different digital meetings and/or events for youth groups in each city. The purpose is to connect them digitally now when they can not meet in May. We do not have any concrete ideas here so you are more then welcome to send suggestions if you have any. It might be that we arrange specific meetings

but it can also be that we invite youth from other twin cities to digital events and meeting that already are planned in each city.

I think I managed to remember everything from the discussions in our two meetings, if I forgot something, just send an e-mail and remind me!

Finally, I hope you all will have a nice Christmas. I do hope that 2021 will be more “normal” and that we will be able to meet in Uppsala in August!

Take care!

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