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Nordic Children's and Youth  
Committee – NORDBUK



# Welcome to Midnordic Youth Council Conference

## Programme

**Time:** 22.-25.4.2010 (Thursday-Sunday, conference days Friday+Saturday)

**Conference place:** Hostel Vasa/Hotel Fenno

**Accommodation:** Hostel Vasa (3 nights), [www.hostelvaasa.com](http://www.hostelvaasa.com)

### GOALS OF THE CONFERENCE

Main goal: how should a perfect youth council work? One result of the conference is to come up with a joint model that can be used everywhere in the Midnordic region.

Another goal is to plan and discuss what the Midnordic Youth Network should be working with in the future.

### Thursday 22nd of April - Travelday!

#### From Norway&Sweden:

- 1 bus from Stjørdal and Trondheim via Östersund to Umeå
- from Sundsvall/Härnosand by train to Umeå
- **RG-Line –ferry from Umeå at 18 PM → in Vasa 23.30**
- + bus to Hostel Vasa, check-in & good-night sleep

#### From Finland:

- by bus/train/own cars to Vasa in the evening,
- by 21 PM at Hostel Vasa



## Friday 23rd of April

8-9 Breakfast at hostel Vasa

9-10

### Official opening:

- inspirational speech, by **Olav Jern** - county director of Ostrobothnia, member of Midnordic Committee
- information about the event, program, goals and MNYN (**Sara, Johan and Marianne**)



10-11

### Icebreaker -games (Norway)

11-12

**Speech and debate course**, part 1, by **Satu Heikkinen** - Coordinator of International Relations in Jyväskylä , member of JCI (Junior Chamber International)

12-13

### Lunch

13-14

**Speech and debate course**, part 2  
- in small groups!

14-15

### Group working , several places

- approx.6 persons/group – mixed groups (all nationalities)
- introductions and sharing experiences about youth council –work

15-16.30

**Brainstorming: How should a perfect youth council work?**  
- in same small groups

16.30-17.30

### Group presentations

18-18.45

Time to relax & change clothes for dinner

18.50

Bus to dinner

19

Fancy dinner at Kuntsi – modern art museum ([www.kuntsi.fi](http://www.kuntsi.fi))



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Activities/relaxation at hostel Vasa & good night

## Saturday 24th of April

8-9 Breakfast at hotel

9-10 **Information about the day (by Virpi Heikkinen)**  
- wake up –activities (Sweden)

10-12 **Concretisize the ideas from yesterday**  
- in small groups  
- What should a youth council work with?  
- about money, members, election  
- Cooperation with politicians and other organisations

12-13 **Lunch**

13-14 **Presentations of the work**  
- everything is written down and will be handed out to all participants AFTER the event

14-15 **What should MNYN work with?**  
- in small groups  
- ideas for future activities + presentations

15.30-17 **Freetime (relaxing, shopping?)**

18 **By bus to dinner – a short sightseeing-tour on the way**

19-23 **Dinner at youth house Suviboksi**  
**Live music Pakkotoisto ([www.pakkotoistomusic.com](http://www.pakkotoistomusic.com))**



## Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> of April – Travel back home!

- breakfast at hostel at 6 AM ☺ for Sweden&Norway
- must be at harbour at 7 AM
- **RG-Line Vasa departing 08 AM → in Umeå 11.30** + bus/train Sweden/Norway
- Finns travel back home by busses/train/own cars

### **NOTE! The event is completely drug-free.**

If somebody should not follow this rule, this person will have to leave the event by his/her own cost.



### **Background**

- **Totally approx. 50 young participants:** approx. 15 from each country: 15 from Norway, 15 from Sweden and 19 from Finland (incl. 4 from Satakunta)

List of participants **by end of March!** (to Virpi Heikkinen, virpi.heikkinen@keskisuomi.fi)

– **travelling and accommodation:** joint buss/train from Norway/Sweden + ferry to Vasa.  
Finns travel by bus/train/own cars.

Accommodation in Hostel Vasa (2-4 persons in same room).

Midnordic Committe **pays accommodation & meals during the conference.**

### **TO REMEMBER & PACKLIST FOR THE JOURNEY:**

- pack different kinds of clothes, both casual and more fancy (for fancy dinner)
- pack personal hygiene items
- pack possible medicins you may need

-during travel to Vasa (in trains, on the ferry) you must purchase your own food, so reserve some money (euros in Finland) for the trip

-please inform about your possible special diets and food allergies, in advance!

**And most important: pack a happy and open mind for the event ☺**

## Welcome – See you in Vasa!