

Cultural centres in Sweden - proud to be independent

Between 27-30th September 2012, the 74th network meeting of Trans Europe Halles (TEH) will take place at Röda Sten Art Centre and Konstpedemin in Gothenburg, Sweden. The theme is “Bottom up! - Independent Culture and Its Impact on Politics and Society”. Independent culture is suffering, with budget cuts and authorities trying to silence artists and cultural activists. But it is also blooming in many ways. TEH Meeting 74 that brings together over 150 cultural workers, managers, activists and policy makers in a quest to join forces, be inspired and put thought into action.

The 74th Trans Europe Halles (TEH) meeting will take place at Röda Sten Art Centre and Konstpedemin in Gothenburg, Sweden, on 27-30th September 2012. People from TEH member centres, TEH friend organisations and guests from Europe and beyond will meet, discuss and attend lectures and workshops. The theme for TEH Meeting 74 is Bottom Up! - Independent Culture and Its Impact on Politics and Society.

The hosts of TEH Meeting 74 are good examples of the Bottom Up! Theme. Konstpedemin – where the artists and founders, Robert Jonsvik and Jens Mattiasson, 25 years ago took over the former Epidemic Hospital and turned it into Sweden’s largest Independent Art Centre. Read more about Konstpedemin and its history here

Röda Sten Art Centre, the old boiler house situated in a former industrial harbour that has become a popular area for the local population. Röda Sten Art Centre has been active with urban planning, developing the surrounding area together with the public and the municipality of Gothenburg. Read more about the Röda Sten Art Centre and their work here.

About Trans Europe Halles

Trans Europe Halles is the representation of independent culture in Europe and is valued as such by European and national institutions. TEH enriches its members with knowledge, abilities and inspiration. - Jon Heemsbergen, Melkweg, The Netherlands

Trans Europe Halles (TEH) is a network of 52 independent cultural centres and 19 friend organisations in 29 European countries. The member centres are mostly multidisciplinary, ranging from small squats to centres with multimillion Euros in turnover. TEH runs and coordinates projects such as artists’ residencies, staff exchange programmes and capacity building programmes for cultural leaders. Many of the current activities are powered by the three-year network project Engine Room Europe.

An important part of the TEH network are the meetings (two every year), each held at a different member centre and in this case held at two; Röda Sten Art Centre and Konstpedemin, both located in Gothenburg, Sweden. www.teh.net

About Röda Sten Art Centre

Röda Sten Art Centre has a year round program of contemporary art with an international orientation. The centre is located in a historic industrial building and consists of five exhibition spaces, a creative workshop and a restaurant. The exhibitions are produced on site and come with an extensive education programme. Röda Sten Art Centre is a meeting place for people of all ages and from different parts of the world. Since 2007 Röda Sten Art Centre organises Göteborg International Biennial for Contemporary Art. www.rodasten.com

About Konstpedemin

Konstpedemin (Epidemic of Art) is an independent resource centre for the arts providing studios for over a hundred professional artists and is situated in the former epidemic hospital close to the city centre. Contemporary art is shown in the main gallery and the two art spaces. Art programmes for children and young people run all year round. Konstpedemin has five guest studios offering residency possibilities for international artists. Regularly Konstpedemin arranges music and theatre festivals, seminars, workshops, conferences etc. and a nice restaurant adds to the atmosphere. This year it is celebrating its 25th anniversary. www.konstpedemin.se

TEH Meeting 74

When: 27-30th
September 2012
Where: Röda Sten Art Centre
& Konstpedemin in
Gothenburg, Sweden

For more information about the meeting and the Bottom Up! theme:

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