



B7 People-to-People Workgroup ...

- As one of the working bodies of B7 and co-ordinator of PtP activities
 - Has to develop the B7 network throughout the islands by acting as the link between the B7 and grass roots organisations, public institutions, societies, and associations etc of the islands:
- **“Youth & Culture” on the WG 2006 action plan:**
- With financial support from the B7 organisation:
- Culture project: on Saaremaa “Grand Theatre Night”
 - Sports projects: on Hiiumaa “VI B7 Games 2006” and “Chess Festival”
 - Youth project: on Rügen “B7 Youth Camp 2006”
- several smaller and bilateral projects to make B7 visible on the islands



Grand Theatre Night, Saaremaa July 15 / 16, 2006

- Initiated to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the professional theatre in Estonia
- Saaremaa organised an international theatre festival with groups from Rügen, Åland, Hiiumaa and Saaremaa, Gotland for medical reasons had to cancel participation to show different kinds of theatre playing on the islands
- During the day performances for children
- In the evening the Grand Theatre Night was opened in the Town Theatre Yard with a parade through the city followed by serious plays, comedies and salon performances in the theatre
- At 1 o'clock in the night the closing concert ended with open stage
- Theatre Café and different theatre exhibitions in Culture Centre and Town Theatre were opened all day long
- Workshops about e. g. Theatre Make-Up, Theatre Costumes and Stage Fight
- Around 1.000 participants and much more spectators
- good feedback in the news of Estonian National TV, from audience and media
- Homepage of Grand Theatre Festival is: www.kuressaare.ee/festival



**B7 Games 2006
July 26-29 on Hiiumaa**

• **Participants:**

youngsters born in 1990 and 1991, groups from 5 islands, plus 2 observers from Öland, 254 participants

- **Events:**
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| <i>Athletics – 37 events</i> | <i>(17 S, 9 Å, 6 H, 4 R, 1 G)</i> |
| <i>Football (boys, girls)</i> | <i>(G, Å)</i> |
| <i>Beach volleyball (boys, girls)</i> | <i>(S, S)</i> |

• **Cultural events:**

Opening ceremony with the President of Republic of Estonia and several VIP guests

Group leaders - Soera farm museum

Participants – dance evening

Closing ceremony in Wool warehouse and Hiiumaa Museum



**B7 Games 2006
July 26-29 on Hiiumaa**

What was good:

- *Well organised transport Tallinn-Hiiumaa-Tallinn*
- *Social events for youth*
- *Group guides – 2 hostesses per delegation*
- *New tradition – the “Spirit of the Games”*
- *Financing: 46% by B7 and 54 % by Hiiumaa*

Not so good:

- *Two islands can` t participate*
- *For a future success we must more work with our sport associations*

The arrangers were pleased and hopefully also the guests.

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B7 Chess festival 2006

July 2006

The festival has been carried out since 1992

- *The festival was a success acc. to international-class judges involved*
- *86 chess players in total participated in 5 efficiently arranged tournaments:*
 1. B7 championship of young chess players (12 participants)
 2. B7 blitz tournament (19 participants)
 3. B7 rapid tournament (20 participants)
 4. Weekend tournament of Estonian Chess Association
 5. B7 team tournament with 15 participants in total and these *results*:
 - 1) *Saaremaa*
 - 2) *Åland*
 - 3) *Hiiumaa*
- *It can be considered as a drawback that so few B7 islands participated, although promotion was made and information was given by post and e-mail and through personal contacts.*

B7 Youth Camp 2006 "Our Future on Our Islands"

- 100 young Swedish, Estonian and German people between 14 and 18 met from 16 – 20 October 2006 on Rügen
- Had fun with cycling, riding on horses, playing football, pool billiard or swimming, cooking, making photographs and music
- First of all – and most important part of the camp – they discussed about their present chances and visions, about their own and their islands future

⇒ **Youth Report "The Future of Our Islands"**

with a lot of thoughts, wishes, hints, and proposals for solutions worth reading and thinking of and take action.

B7 Youth Camp 2006 "Our Future on Our Islands"

Conclusion

- Young people want to be involved when it is up to find solutions for their and their islands' problems
 - Young people want to meet and discuss together, and to have fun
- ⇒ B7 youth camp has justified its existence in a short practice.
- Be aware of the different dimensions of such meetings and use them deliberately:
 - Cultural dimension – general education, language and communication skills, cultural understanding, knowledge about B7 ...
 - Political dimension – tolerance, integration, interest and understanding of B7 political engagement
 - Economic dimension for hosting island
 - Youth are our Future! If they don't feel themselves a part of B7, they will depart and we won't have them with us any more.



2007 Work Plan

- Youth Conference, April/May, 2007
- Youth Art&Culture Project 2007:
 - Gudhjem film festival - Bornholm (August/September 2007)

Small Projects:

- Music CD "B7 finest" – Gotland
- Photo exhibition – after competition in 2006