



## ***INVITATION – January 21- 22 2018***

***Join us in Aarhus – when we explore and celebrate volunteering!  
(In the framework of European Capital of Culture 2017 and European Volunteering Capital 2018)***

Dear European volunteer stakeholders,

From January 21 – 22 we explore and celebrate volunteering in the city of Aarhus and we are delighted to invite you to take part in the European Volunteering Capital 2018 opening celebrations on January 21st (no charge) and a Conference to consider volunteer impact on January 22nd (charge details below) .

### **Because you make an extraordinary difference**

Everyday throughout the year, many tasks are solved by enthusiastic and committed volunteers, energetic movers and shakers, or enterprising people - they all want to help with tasks both big and small.

It enriches one's life to give something back to the community, it is valuable to make a difference, and amazing to help create something bigger than oneself. Management and the organization of volunteer tasks is something in which many people involve themselves, and it results a myriad of experiences.

We would like to share our experiences, give inspiration, and hopefully create new networks with you and others at this volunteer conference.

You are first and foremost invited because you are involved with volunteer work. But you are also invited so that you can meet like-minded people. You can meet other that, like you, sometimes find it difficult to create the best possible framework for volunteering.

### **What you should not miss out on**

These days, we will energetically and professionally highlight those mechanisms that can play a part in underpinning a successful volunteer program. We will visit some select places in Aarhus that work with volunteers. Here we hope to give you some insight into their work conditions and contexts, so that you will be better prepared to recruit, keep, and motivate volunteers.

We will commit ourselves to creating days that will assure that you will meet new people who are as passionate about volunteer involvement as you are.

### **Target group for the conference**

National and international volunteer stakeholders including operators, leaders/coordinators of volunteer organizations, institutions and organizations with an interest in engaging volunteers in tasks, as well as municipal employers and employees.

The conference for the international group will be held in English. There will be a keynote speaker which will be translated, and other program features will be in English.



## Good to know

The fee for the conference including breakfast coffee and lunch is 250,00 kr (35 Euro).

If you like to join the social dinner the evening January 22, we will charge you an additional 250,00 kr (35 Euro) – we will strongly recommend you to join the dinner, we will do our very best to make it a great network and social arrangement. There is no charge for the European Volunteering Capital Opening Celebrations on January 21st.

In terms of accommodation - we can recommend you the Hotel Wake Up Aarhus (<https://www.wakeupcopenhagen.com/the-hotels/aarhus/mp-bruunsgade>)

The finale programme for the conference will be sent to all participants in January.

For registration information please look below.

We hope to see you.





## Program



**January 21, 2018 - Afternoon**

**Opening of European Capital of Volunteering – Aarhus 2018  
Program TBC**

**Venue: Ridehuset, 8000 Aarhus C**



**January 22, 2018 - Volunteer IMPACT Conference**

**Aarhus City Hall**

**Registration from 9.15**

**Finish: 16.30 – Social Dining: 19.00**

**9.15 – 10.00**

Conference opens.

*Mingle, check-in and coffee.*

Address: Aarhus City Hall, Aarhus Rådhus (City Hall), 8000 Aarhus C.

**10.00 – 10.20**

Welcome by European Capital of Culture Aarhus 2017 - CEO Rebecca Matthews and handover of Volunteer program to the future of Aarhus.

**10.20 – 12.30**



Visit to Godsbanen and Vanebrudpalæet – Two truly fantastic and extraordinary places for volunteering.

*Both Godsbanen and Vanebrudpalæet is two truly exciting and each there way inspiring places in Aarhus. Godsbanen is a transformed old industrial railway station that now has become a centre for cultural production where creative minds meet. Vanebrudpalæet is a magical and mind-twisting place, where thing literally is upside down, the building invites you rethink your ideas. Here you will explore and get to know more about [Givisme](#) and [The Warm Welcome Society](#).*

### **12.30 – 13.15**

Lunch at City Hall

### **13.30 – 15.15**

Visit and workshop at Volunteer Center Aarhus – and the secretary of European Capital of Volunteering

*Volunteer Center Aarhus invites in and will host a workshop moderated by Neil Peterson from Liverpool. Neil Peterson is Director and Founder of Inside Track, an innovative new consultancy group which focuses on helping major European Cities to deliver positive social and economic changes.*

### **15.15 – 16.15**

Presentation by Keynote Speaker Peter Lund Madsen, Neuroscientist and entertainer.

*The brain and motivation*

*Thought-provoking presentation about how our minds respond to creating a community and doing volunteer tasks.*

### **16.30**

End of conference day.

### **19.00 – 21.00**

You are invited to join us for a social dining experience and networking at Malt, in the basement of the old Ceres brewery. You will be paying for your own drinks at the dinner.

Address: Restaurant Malt in Ceres Byen (Ceres City).



## Practical information:

### Registration

You can register for the January 22nd Volunteer IMPACT conference and social dining by either sending an email to [ulla.lund@aarhus2017.dk](mailto:ulla.lund@aarhus2017.dk)

Please state your name, organization, your phone number and the email-address, where you would like information sent to.

Or register at the following link: <https://rethinkers.nemtilmeld.dk/174/>

The deadline for registration for the Volunteer IMPACT conference and dining is January 5th.

There is no need to register for the European Volunteering Capital Opening Celebrations on January 21st.

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### Places

#### January 21st 2018

The European Volunteering Capital Peoples Opening take place at the venue Ridehuset.

#### January 22, 2018.

The conference will take place at City Hall Aarhus (Aarhus Rådhus) 8000 Aarhus C.

In the evening, we will ensure a cozy dinner at Restaurant Malt in Ceres Byen (Ceres City).