

# YOU SHALL BE HEARD!?

A CONFERENCE ABOUT HOW (NOT) TO SHARE PERSONAL NARRATIVES



12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of April 2018

Kristiansand, Norway

VESTAGDERMUSEET

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## A conference about how (not) to share personal narratives.

The Vest-Agder Museum in Kristiansand, Norway is pleased to announce a conference about the possibilities and challenges entailed in the sharing of personal narratives. The main question we want to explore is how museums can contribute to a society where multiple voices are heard, multiple perspectives are revealed and more people are – and feel – included and recognized.

International speakers will reflect on political changes in Europe and the consequences for museums and other cultural actors who want to present a multitude of voices, also the one who might not be wished by the authorities.

Psychologists will shed light on how shame and openness are related to identity development, and we shall hear more about the consequences sharing one's secret with the public might have for the persons involved and the local society.

Last but not least, we will address questions important for all museums and cultural actors who want to work with local societies and difficult issues – what is the status of knowledge right now, what works and how can we get even better?

THURSDAY, 12TH OF APRIL 2018

KILDEN

### **POLITICAL CHANGES IN EUROPE AND THE CONSEQUENCES FOR CULTURAL ACTORS**

- 09:00 Registration and coffee/tea  
09:30 Welcome and introduction  
09:45 Taja Vovk van Gaal «Academic independence of History Museums: reality or utopia?»  
10:45 Piotr Majewski «Why is the Second World War so hot a question in Poland? The case of the Museum of the Second World War in Gdansk»  
11:45 Questions and discussion  
12:15 Lunch

### **PERSONAL NARRATIVES – WHY AND HOW TO GIVE INDIVIDUALS A LOUDER VOICE**

- 13:00 Introduction  
13:15 To be announced – how are shame, openness and identity related to each other?  
14:15 Peder Kjøs, psychologist, known from a national TV show reflects on how sharing one fears and feelings of shame can contribute to healing processes and how to react in the best possible way  
15:15 Coffee break  
15:45 Lis-Mari Hjortfors «Narrative and cultural safety in a lulesami community – If you talk and someone listen»  
16:45 Closing questions and discussion

### **EVENING PROGRAM**

- 18:00 Philosophy-inspired dinner with philosopher Henrik Syse

FRIDAY, 13TH OF APRIL 2018

SCANDIC BYSTRANDA KRISTIANSAND

### **LOCAL SOCIETIES AND DIFFICULT ISSUES**

- 09:00 Registration and coffee/tea  
09:20 Welcome and introduction  
09:30 Heledd Fychan «Participation at the heart of Museums: the Museums Change Lives campaign and how it resonates globally»  
10:30 Bernadette Lynch «Talking the talk... The benefits, opportunities, challenges and limitations of opening up dialogue in museums»  
11:30 Questions and discussion  
12:00 Lunch buffet

### **13:00–14:45 PARALLEL WORKSHOPS**

- A Heledd Fychan  
A workshop on participation and how museums can change lives  
B Bernadette Lynch  
A workshop on how to open up dialogue in museums  
C To be announced  
A workshop on interview techniques and ethics  
14:45 Coffee break  
15:00 Closing questions and discussion

**For more information about the speakers and updated program**

<http://www.vestagdermuseet.no/you-shall-be-heard-a-conference-about-how-not-to-share-personal-narratives/>

## REGISTRATION AND CONFERENCE VENUE

When and where: Thursday, 12th of April, Kilden  
[www.kilden.com/kontakt](http://www.kilden.com/kontakt)

Friday 13th of April, Scandic Bystranda hotel  
[www.scandichotels.no](http://www.scandichotels.no)

Price: Thursday NOK 800  
Philosophy-inspired dinner NOK 600  
Friday NOK 800  
Both days and dinner NOK 2000

Where to stay: There are several hotels in Kristiansand, all in walking distance to Kilden and Scandic Bystranda hotel.  
Hotel Scandic Kristiansand Bystranda offers a 15 % reduction on all flex prices during the conference. Booking code "PROMO10B".  
Reservation: [www.scandichotels.no](http://www.scandichotels.no)

How to get there: Kristiansand Airport, Kjevik (KRS) offers daily international connections to Amsterdam and Copenhagen. In addition, there are daily connections to Oslo, Bergen, Trondheim and Stavanger. You can also reach Kristiansand by bus or train.

Registration: 6th of February to 23rd of March  
to [e.breie@vestagdermuseet.no](mailto:e.breie@vestagdermuseet.no)

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