

ASEA -

Sustainability:

Bottled Water banned:

The 2009 United Nations Climate Change Conference, commonly known as the Copenhagen Summit, was held at the Bella Center in Copenhagen. Green initiatives were taken to reduce the center's CO2 emissions, and at the conference itself water in plastic bottles was banned. Drinking fountains were established with ordinary Copenhagen tap water.

This is an example of reducing the CO2 - footprint.

We are five countries participating in a Grundtvig Learning Partnership (ASEA) about sustainability: Paris (France), Messina (Sicily in Italy), Prague (Tjeck) Nicosia (Cyprus) and Fredensborg (Denmark).

One of our tasks is to create a "label" of "sustainable concerts".

What is a sustainable concert?

I think defining sustainability is an ongoing process. We have learned from each other during the two years the partnership has lasted. New ideas emerge and implementation is taking place. Also society is changing, finding new solutions to the problems we face.

But here are some points you could take into consideration when arranging a concert/festival:

Reducing CO2 - footprint: choosing location using alternative energy (windmill, solar energy, etc.) in general, choosing acoustic music, energy-saving bulbs, etc., local bands, serving locally produced food/drinks, tap water, recycled clothes, decoration from recycled materials, advertising in cyberspace, posters on recycled material, etc.

Physical and mental health: silence (sounds of nature), organic food and drinks, tap water, natural environment, socializing, bringing generations together, inclusion of weaker groups, good communication, dancing, etc.

Taking into consideration needs of the third world – people far away from us, and also taking care of nature far away from us.

The list is long – sustainability is taking care that future generations have access to a "good life" like we have – the earth's resources are not unlimited.

We can try to make a change - we can try making the effort creating a new path taking care of the environment. You have to use your brain in order to do so – it takes a lot of courage too. Changing old habits that are not suitable for implementing the sustainable lifestyle is a process. You need to have knowledge, sometimes it costs extra money, but often you save money. Sustainable lifestyle is a learning process. Motto of our Grundtvig Learning Partnership (ASEA) is: nothing in excess!

Good luck with it!

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