

LEAP STOCKHOLM

Local Meeting Newsletter by Pavle Heidler



*Ladies and Gentlemen,
welcome to LEAP STOCKHOLM, the Local Meeting Newsletter by Pavle Heidler.*

Local Meeting Newsletter aims at satisfying two primary functions: (1) Local meeting Newsletter is local administrator's way of documenting meetings. These documents function as a reminder and an informer - depending on whether you attended the meeting in question; or not. (2) Local Meeting Newsletter is to inform you of future meetings taking place.

Local Meeting Newsletter wishes to be informing, inspiring and reader-friendly.

Stockholm's first LEAP meeting took place at Danscentrum Stockholm on February 22, 2014. The meeting was co-hosted by LEAP's own Kerstin Kussmaul, initiator of both LEAP and IDOCDE EU-supported projects and Francesco Scavetta, Italian-

born choreographer, dancer and teacher whose Vitlycke Center for Performing Arts functions as LEAP's Swedish partner.

short history

Kussmaul's first EU project was the IDOCDE project; a project whose aim was to create a platform, as the title of the project says, for documenting developments in contemporary dance education. IDOCDE's contribution to LEAP is its website. Originally created as an attempt to provide dance teachers with a space to share and store ideas, notes, reflections and class and workshop descriptions, the website now serves as a platform that enables and inspires reflection and virtual teacher-to-teacher relationship aka *peer-review*.

The interactive nature of the website is what inspired the creation of the LEAP project. LEAP's primary focus is organised and very much alive teacher-to-teacher interaction. For more information about LEAP and various formats according to which it functions, please follow [link](#).

about local meetings

Local Meetings are open to all educators working in and around dance and performance. Local Meetings aim at facilitating time to exchange and participate in discussion amongst local colleagues. Local Meetings are organised periodically by the local administrator and are hosted voluntarily by a local institution.

Local Meetings are organised to suit the needs of their participants, which is why its crucial that you send us your feedback whenever you have some. The effort to facilitate the meetings is done for your benefit!

Easiest way to contact is by writing an email and sending it to:
vitlycke.leap@gmail.com

past meeting

A meeting can be composed of conversations, debates, discussions, lectures, seminars, actions, workshops, and/or *fika*. This depends on what the needs and desires of specific participants are.

Our first meeting consisted of an introduction lecture, website presentation, couple of hours of conversation and tea.

According to my notes, one of the most discussed and thus relevant of topics was: questioning teacher's *authority*, and through that: questioning teacher's *status*; the construction of which was reported to be different according to culture, relevant economic structures and corresponding political environments. Analysing systems that produced and supported the role of a teacher and the act of teaching lead us to discuss different methodologies both of teaching and of learning.

We engaged in the analysis of the ecology of passing on knowledge, worked from individual examples and played with pointing at alternatives, both existing and imagined (theoretical).

The conversation mentioned works and teachings of Deborah Hay, Yvonne Rainer, Michel Foucault, Deleuze and Guattari, Paolo Virno and Jacques Rancière.

The meeting was inspirational and frequently produced a sense of agreement within the group. However, a lingering sense of one of the subjects discussed remains in form of the following question: What are the parameters of judgement (according to cultural differences)?

This question stays related to another question: When talking about judging progress and development - what is the status of the process?

How would you feel about keeping these questions in mind when thinking of proposing activities for our next meeting?


future meeting

- (1) In order to schedule our next meeting, I would like you to sign up for availability by means of this doodle calendar [HERE](#).
- (2) Please send your propositions, wishes and desires, but also feedback to this address here: vitycke.leap@gmail.com.
- (3) In the next Newsletter you will be receiving the conformation of the TIME, the PLACE and the TOPICS of our next meeting.

Looking forward to our next encounter!



Thank you to
Danscentrum Stockholm,
Kerstin Kussmaul
and all of the attendees
for your presence, participation and invested effort.

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