



ICORN

INTERNATIONAL CITIES OF REFUGE NETWORK

Safe but not silent

ICORN GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2018

2-4 May 2018
Malmö, Sweden

Accommodation: Malmö Live Hotel

Organisers: ICORN, the International Cities of Refuge Network and the City of Malmö

Official hosts: The City of Malmö

Venue: Malmö Live Hotel, unless otherwise stated

There will be events connected to the programme throughout the city during the week of the General Assembly. They will be announced in due time.

More and more cities around the world are joining ICORN to become safe havens for persecuted writers and artists. Since 2006, around 200 poets, bloggers, novelists, publishers, visual artists, journalists, playwrights and musicians have found long term, temporary refuge in ICORN cities. Protected and promoted, they are *safe, but not silent*.

When ICORN convenes its 9th General Assembly in Malmö 2-4 May 2018, we explore how writers and artists can continue their work in exile, and express themselves, in their new safe cities, and towards the country and regions they were forced to flee. They will engage in a diverse programme of concerts, debates, readings, film screenings, performances, with city representatives, invited guests, observers and the Malmö public.

The 2018 ICORN General Assembly will mark the 70th Anniversary for the Universal Declaration on Human Rights. Its article 19 on Freedom of Expression has been formative for ICORN's work from the very beginning. At the assembly, the first external evaluation of ICORN will be presented, and the city delegates will discuss and vote over a new strategic plan for the years 2018-2022.

The annual meetings have proved to be vital meeting places and sources of information and inspiration for further developing our joint efforts for hospitality, solidarity and freedom of expression. The assembly programme will also include discussions on the conditions of freedom of expression, protection and promotion of writers and artists at risk, country reports and a rich cultural programme.

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

Subject to change

WEDNESDAY 2 MAY	
10:00-14:00	Welcome and registration
12:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	Official opening of the ICORN General Assembly Welcome ceremony, speeches, testimonies.
15.30-16.00	Coffee break
16.00-17.30	Reports from the ICORN Board, presentation of strategic plan 2018-2022, and external evaluation report ao.
19:00	Welcome dinner reception upon invitation from the Mayor of Malmö Venue: City Hall
21:00	Safe but not Silent - mingle and artistic performances. Special guest: Mai Khoi. Venue: TBC

THURSDAY 3 MAY	
08:30 – 09:30	Slow dating: Open space for spontaneous encounters, regional/national meetings and other cooperation initiatives.
09:30 – 11:00	ICORN General Assembly proceedings Parallell programme for writers, artists, observers
11:00– 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 12:30	Keynote speech/panel
12:30-14.00	Lunch
14:00-15:30	Workshop session/Market of Ideas I: Workshops, panels, debates, screenings, interviews, presentations, conversations
15:30– 16:00	Coffee break
16:00-17:30	Workshop session/Market of Ideas II: Workshops, panels, debates, screenings, interviews, presentations, conversations.
20:00	Festive dinner at the Malmö Stadsbibliotek with artistic interventions.

FRIDAY 4 MAY	
08:30 – 10:00	Slow dating: Open space for spontaneous encounters, regional/national meetings and other cooperation initiatives.
10:00 – 11:30	General Assembly discussion and vote
	Parallell programme for writers, artists, observers
11:30-12:00	Coffee break
12:00-13:00	ICORN plenary session: Reports back from the general assembly, discussions and interventions from the floor.
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00 -15:00	Summing up, thank you and welcome to the 2019 Network Meeting in...?
18:00	Khamel Daoud in conversation with Raket Chukri Venue: Författarscenen, Stadsbiblioteket
20:00	Concert with Mai Khoi & the Dissidents Venue: The Cube, Malmö Live

EXHIBITIONS

TBC

END-WEEK PROGRAMME

Malmö Museer – free access for all participants

Broen | Bron | The Bridge – 2,5 hours fiction and reality tour (TBC)

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