

ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP IN EUROPE

CONFERENCE 29-30
SEPTEMBER 2009
MUSEUM OF WORLD CULTURE
GOTHENBURG SWEDEN



Welcome to the conference on active citizenship

Today, almost no issue is too local not to be affected by EU politics, and no organization too small not to benefit from a European cooperation. In order to visualize the possibilities and identify the problems with being an active citizen in Europe, the Swedish Association for Adult Education (SAEA) and the European Association for Education of Adults (EAEA) will be jointly hosting a European conference at the World Culture Museum in Gothenburg on 29-30 September 2009. Our ambition is that this meeting between non-formal education organizations and policy makers from all corners of Europe will inspire more active citizenship and the development of advocacy work in Europe.

Create your own workshop

Do you and your organization have an example of active citizenship in which people tried to influence the society they live in? If so, please feel free to join and organize a seminar at the conference.

It might be a success story of a local group that changed EU legislation, or the experience of an organization that got lost in the EU maze and did not know where to turn.

The form for the seminars

Each seminar should have a connection with non-formal adult education, focusing on advocacy and one of the conference themes (social integration, identity, and climate and energy) and should include at least two European countries. If your organization has no contact with organizations in other countries, we can help you with finding an organization that works on the same issues. The maximum amount of time per seminar is 1,5 hours. The main language of the conference is English but some interpretation will be provided.

Content

The conference begins with an introductory discussion on active citizenship and advocacy in Europe, between the EU Minister Cecilia Malmström, the Vice-President of the EU Commission Margot Wallström, and the Fin-

nish EU Minister Astrid Thors. The discussion will be conducted with the audience and various panels. We plan to broadcast the discussion digitally in Stockholm, Gothenburg and Malmö, and in some European cities. The day ends with the opportunity to mingle and a climate-friendly buffet.

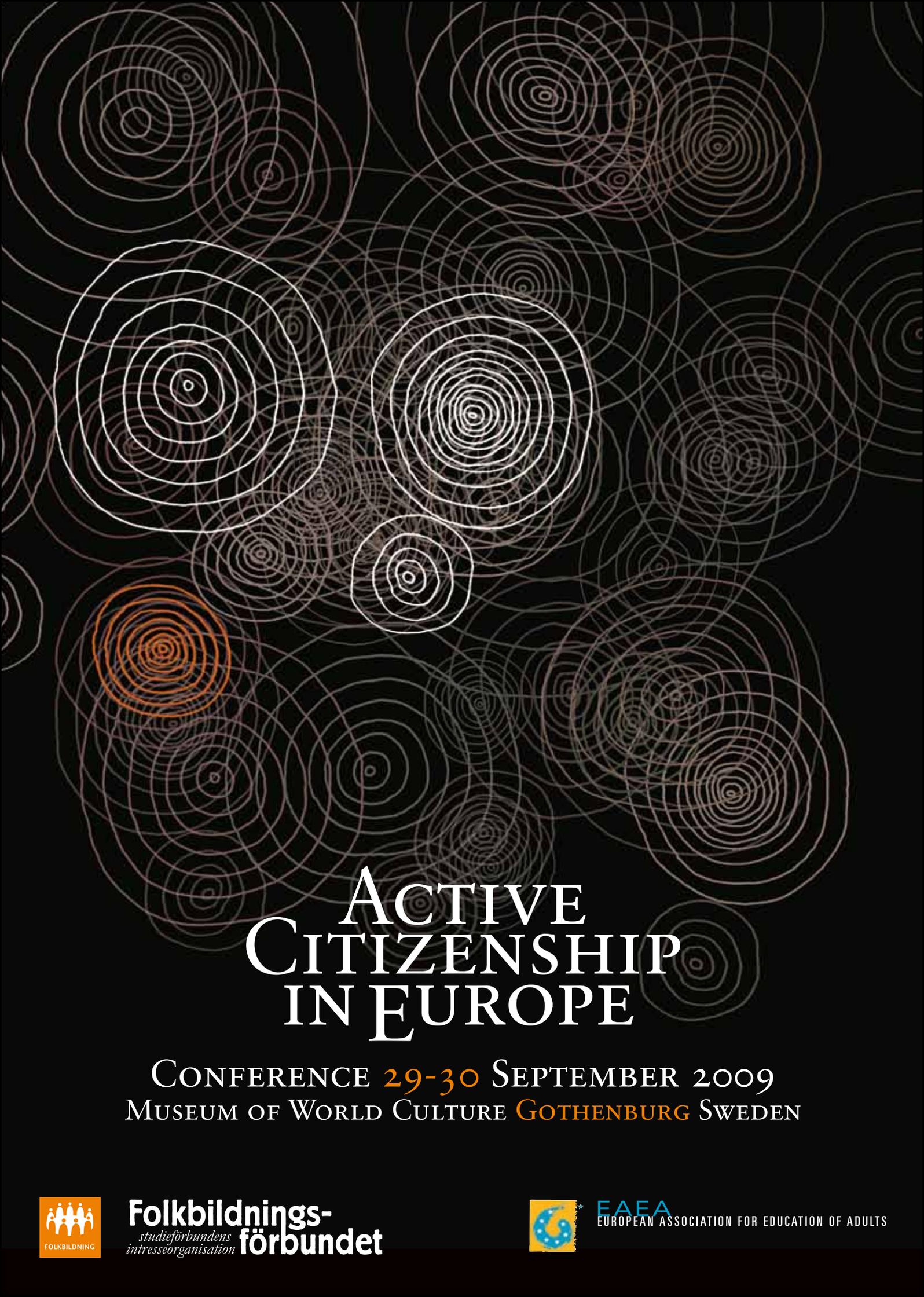
The second day of the conference consists of about 20 seminars and various cultural events. The conference is being held in conjunction with the EU's Informal Education Minister meeting in Gothenburg.

Contact and application

If your organization would like to organize a seminar, you are cordially invited to submit a proposal by April 6 to marie@studieforbunden.se. For each seminar there will be a seminar host appointed who will have their logo published in our programme and on our website at a cost of 90 euros. Please indicate in your proposal if your organization would like to be one of the seminar hosts.

If you would like to know more, you can call Marie Fredriksson at SAEA, on 0046-8-402 01 58 or email marie@studieforbunden.se.

We look forward to receiving your proposal and to hosting two exciting days on active citizenship and adult education!



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