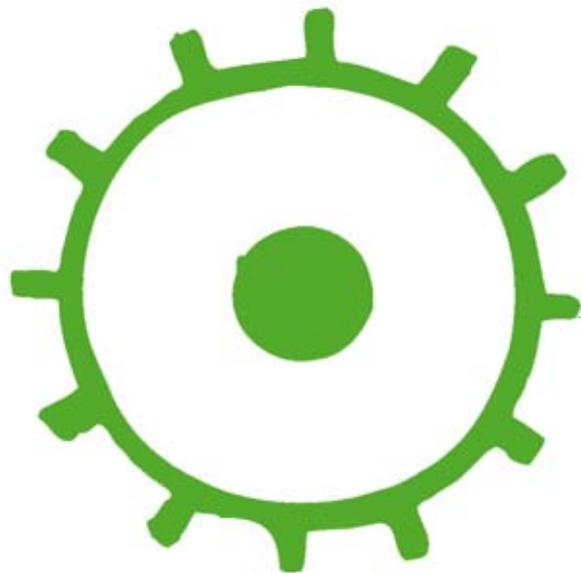


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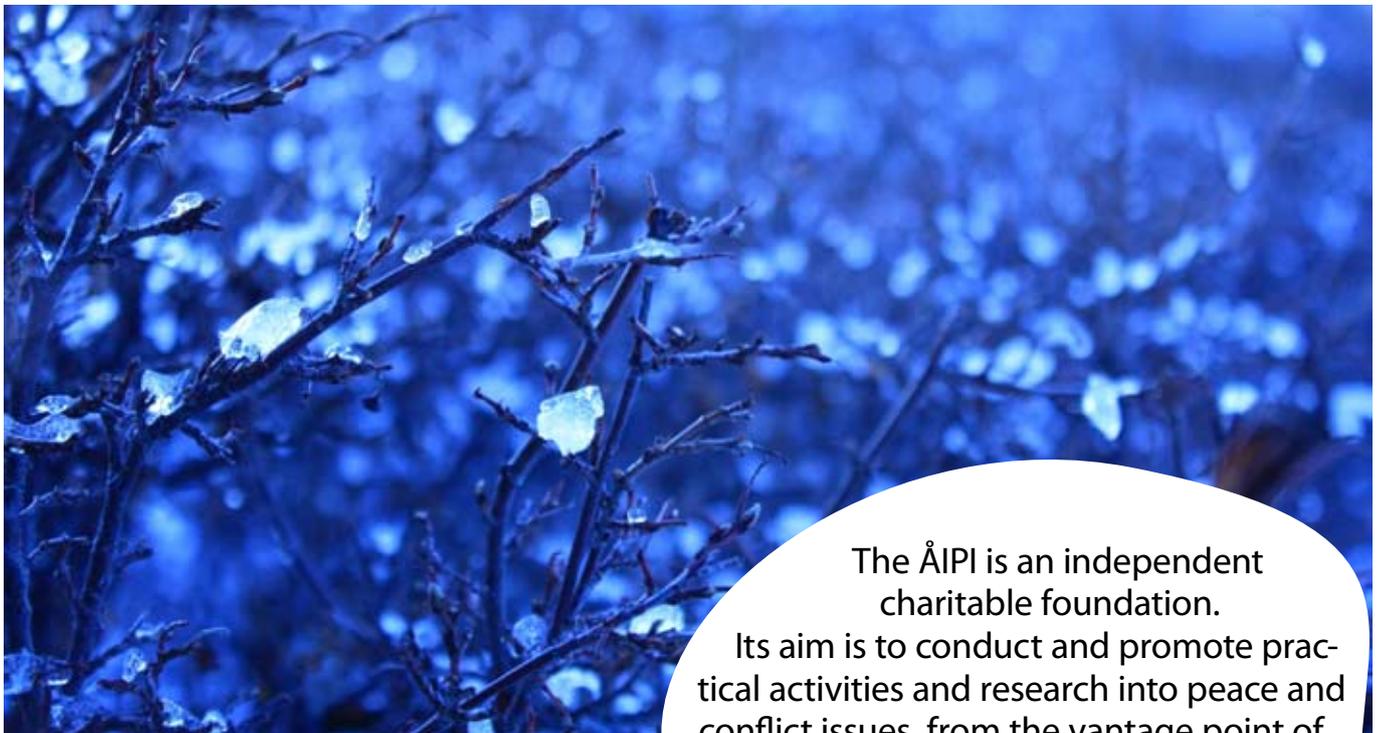


The Åland Islands Peace Institute

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The ÅIPI is an independent charitable foundation. Its aim is to conduct and promote practical activities and research into peace and conflict issues, from the vantage point of Åland and the Åland example.

Our mission

The Åland Islands Peace Institute (ÅIPI) conducts research and projects into specific aspects of peace and conflict resolution, from the geographical and thematic vantage point of Åland and the Åland example. We focus on research, empowerment work and information.

Peace and Conflict Resolution

The ÅIPI considers peace to be more than the mere "absence of war". Working for peace involves countering not only military violence, but also other forms of "structural violence" which prevent people from realizing their full potential. Peace work also includes creating possibilities for active participation in society and the peaceful resolution of conflict, both on an individual and on a structural level. The demilitarization and neutralization of the Åland Islands is a central component of an arrangement that has developed over more than 150 years, and can be seen as an example for building peace on a structural level.

Åland and the Åland Example

The Åland Islands Peace Institute was established in 1992, upon the perceived need of an organization mandated to guard and analyze the autonomous, demilitarized and neutralized status of the Åland Islands. This is still one of the core functions of the Åland Islands Peace Institute. The international interest in Åland's autonomy is high. Groups visit Finland to study the Åland Example and Åland is presented abroad. The ÅIPI is actively

participating in this, and the demand for the expertise of the Institute is increasing.

The ÅIPI is a driving force in the discussion on the interpretation and implementation as well as the critical examination of international agreements and national legislation that regulate the particular status of the Åland Islands.

The ÅIPI works on Åland, with Åland as a geographical starting-point and focuses its activities on Åland, the Nordic countries and the Baltic Sea region. The Institute also has expertise in the South Caucasus region, and maintains networks of individuals and organizations with extended areas of expertise.

Research and practical activities

The Åland Islands Peace Institute is not solely a research Institute, nor can it be described as an activist organization. We define us as a "think-act-think"-organization. We base our knowledge on practical experience and practice peace work based on knowledge.

The Åland Islands Peace Institute wants to contribute to the peaceful development of society through spreading knowledge. The ÅIPI

responds to the local, national and international demand for a deeper discussion and research about issues of great importance to Åland and neighbouring regions, i. e. autonomy, minorities and security as well as issues related to the Baltic Sea region and the development of the European Union.

In its practical activities, the ÅIPI focuses mainly on gender equality and youth work but offers also mediation services in criminal and certain civil law cases. We cooperate with local partner organizations on Åland and with partner organizations in Latvia, Lithuania, Russia (the Kaliningrad region and Karelia) and the South Caucasus.

The Åland Islands Peace Institute shares its research results, its expertise and its experience from practical peace work through different forms of information- and awareness-raising activities. These include tailor-made presentations for international visits, seminars and conferences, the distribution of information through our networks as well as the regular publication of research reports, articles, digital newsletters and updates on our webpage www.peace.ax.

Åland as a meeting point and a source of knowledge – the ÅIPI during the year 2010

The year 2010 has been an intense and eventful year for the Åland Islands Peace Institute and its staff. The activities of the Institute have become more versatile and stretch from education on conflict resolution in schools on Åland to international research on the conditions for language diversity in Europe.

Following the vision for 2010 as adopted by the Board, the Åland Islands Peace Institute should:

- Be a basis for knowledge about the Åland Example and other related topics;
- Affect the development of society through spreading knowledge through publications, reports, seminars and lectures;
- Work as a local and an international venue for the exchange of knowledge and experiences.

The Åland Islands Peace Institute bases its activities upon two cornerstones:

Knowledge – Action

Knowledge is gathered within the three basic fields of interest of the Åland Islands Peace Institute, i.e. issues related to military and human security, autonomy and minority rights. The knowledge is facilitated, i.a. through research, which has expanded with the kick-off of two extensive long term projects on the Åland Example and minority languages and language diversity in Europe respectively. Knowledge is gathered and spread to a broader audience through the seminars that the Peace

Institute organizes and participates in as well as through the publications we produce. In 2010 a number of seminars have been organized for the Åland audience, on issues such as the development of the self-government in Scotland, the prevention of genocide and the demilitarization and neutralization of the Åland Islands. We have also been discussing about the Åland Example at the Night of Science in Berlin, at a meeting with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe's (OSCE) High Commissioner for National Minorities, in seminars about the situation in the South Caucasus and in a dialogue about alternatives for the Crimean peninsula.

It is well visible that the line between knowledge and action is not clear cut. The Åland Islands Peace Institute recognizes that the promotion of knowledge to its target groups needs to take into consideration the different needs of different groups.

Not everyone is interested or has the possibilities to participate in discussions and seminars. During the summer of 2010 we have placed a thought-provoking advertisement

campaign in the Ålandic newspapers with the aim to trigger questions about everyday gender roles and prevailing conceptions of how girls and boys, women and men should be. Later in 2010 thirty young people from five different countries met on Åland to discuss the theme of "Boundaries".

It is the staff of the Peace Institute that has succeeded in inspiring and implementing these activities and in generating knowledge, often in cooperation with actors on Åland and beyond. We would not have been able to put our vision into practice without the economic support that the Peace Institute has received in 2010 from, among others, the Government of Åland, the Åland Parliament Jubilee Fund, The Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Finnish Ministry of Education, The European Commission, the Nordic Council of Ministers and the City of Mariehamn. We thank our contributors for their confidence and will keep up the good work.

Sia Spiliopoulou Åkermark
Director
Ass. prof. International Law



The Board of the ÅIPI

The Board of the ÅIPI, consisting of ten members from Åland, mainland Finland and Sweden, decides on the overall activities of the Institute.

The ÅIPI is a party-politically and religiously independent foundation. The Board decides upon the Institute's overall activities. It consists of at least seven and not more than ten members, appointed for two-year terms. In 2010 the Board has met on five occasions. In addition to its regular items of business, the Board has discussed structural questions in relation to the expansion of the ÅIPI's scope of activities, for example staff issues and the overall organizational structure. After the Government of Åland had announced that it would sell the property, the Board has also worked to clarify the possibilities for the Peace Institute to remain located on its current premises at Hamngatan 4.

Moreover, the Board adopted a new set of statutes, taking account of changes in the legal regulations concerning audits.

Board members gathered outside the Peace Institute 2010. From the left: Roger Jansson, Kjell-Åke Nordquist, Pär Stenbäck, Lars Ingmar Johansson, Barbro Sundback, Bertil Jobeus and Leena Lindqvist.



The composition of the Board

Barbro Sundback, Chairman. Member of the Åland Parliament, former President of the Åland Parliament

Lena Lindqvist, Deputy Chairman. Entrepreneur, social worker, therapist, Politics Magister in International Relations

Ulla Backlund. Active in the Norwegian Refugee Council, former director of the Norwegian Refugee Council in Georgia, Burundi and Lebanon.

Nils-Gustaf Eriksson. Psychiatrist, expert in crisis management, own practice on Åland

Sunniva Hansson. Jurist at Warner Bros. Entertainment London, Master of Laws in International Law and Human Rights, University of Essex.

Roger Jansson. Member of the Åland Parliament, former Member of the Parliament of Finland, former Speaker of the Åland Parliament.

Bertil Jobeus. Former General Consul of Sweden on Åland, former Swedish ambassador, diplomat in many countries.

Lars Ingmar Johansson. Former Director of the Åland Parliament.

Kejll-Åke Nordquist. Associate Professor at the University of Uppsala, Department of Peace and Conflict research.

Pär Stenbäck. Honorary Minister of Finland. Independent Monitor International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement for Israel-Palestine (MDA-PRCS), board member in several organizations.



Visit from South Caucasus

Between June 1 and 4 June the Åland Islands Peace Institute hosted twenty-two civil society representatives from Azerbaijan and Armenia who visited Åland to study autonomy and demilitarization.

The visit was organized by the Åland Islands Peace Institute in cooperation with the respective committees of the Helsinki Citizens' Assembly in Armenia and Azerbaijan, the latter's Karabakh Committee and the Nagorno Karabakh Committee of Helsinki Initiative-92. The study visit received financial support from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland.

The participants had occasion to meet with members of the Governme-

nt of Åland, administrative personnel as well as law enforcement bodies, who presented their day-to-day activities and the existing structures for cooperation between Åland and Finland. Some of the participants also seized the opportunity and conducted interviews with members of the Ålandic civil society. A main component of the visit were discussions of the perspectives on and possible solutions to the conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh,

including the challenges of democratization, economic development, security and confidence building.

The visitors appreciated the constructive character of the meetings and emphasized the importance of continued discussions as well as the role of civil society to continue the dialogue for peace in Nagorno-Karabakh.



Visits and networking

The Åland Islands Peace Institute wants to spread the results of its research, share its expertise and the experiences from practical peace work to increase the knowledge about Åland and the Åland Example beyond Åland and Finland. The Peace Institute wants to act as a meeting point and creates conditions for the peaceful resolution of conflict.

Åland and the Åland Islands Peace Institute regularly receive visitors from all corners of the world. Decision makers, researchers and journalists from other autonomous regions or regions suffering from conflicts with autonomy-implications i.a. in South Caucasus, the former Yugoslavia, Japan, China, the Middle East, Iran and Central America have visited the Åland Islands to gain a deeper understanding of the autonomy, its status in national and in international law and the content and practical importance of the demilitarization and neutralization.

On request, the Peace Institute hosts groups of politicians, officials, representatives of civil society organizations or journalists. For such visits, we offer tailor-made programs, ranging from brief presentations of the Åland Example, to in-depth seminars on autonomy and minorities or training courses on conflict resolution..

The director of the Åland Islands Peace Institute, Sia Spiliopoulou Åkermark, is a member of the contact group for the Government of Åland and the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, that aims at developing and increasing the use of the Åland Example in an international context.

Examples of visits during 2010

17.2.2010 Christine Watkins, an artist from Great Britain visited the Åland Islands Peace Institute as part of an art project on the theme of memories.

27.4.2010 Students from the Humanitarian Action Masters Programme at Uppsala University visited the Peace Institute

4.6.2010 Visit of politicians from South Tyrol.

16-17.6.2010 Markku Suksi and two EMA-students visited the Åland Islands Peace Institute.

9.8.2010 Odile Perrot, former democratization officer for the OSCE visited the Institute. Sarah Stephan informed about the autonomy and demilitarization/neutralization of Åland and about ongoing research projects.

13.8.2010 Sia Spiliopoulou Åkermark met with young journalists from around the world who visited Åland.

27.8.2010 Sarah Stephan met the German parliamentarian Franz Thönnies and Dr. Ulrich Seidenberger, political referent at the German Embassy in Helsinki, at the German Consulate in Åland. Honorary Consul Gun Erikson-Hjärling and Member of the Åland Parliament Carina Aaltonen were also present during the meeting. Sarah introduced the research work of the Peace Institute in the fields of integration issues and on the status of regions within the EU as well as anti-trafficking and youth work.

30-31.8.2010 Sia Spiliopoulou Åkermark held the speech 'The Baltic Sea Region as an Area of Peace and Security' for the Baltic Sea Parliamentarians.

14.10.2010 The Ambassador of Japan in Finland visited the Åland Islands Peace Institute.

5.11.2010 The student organization Pax et Bellum from Uppsala visited the Åland Islands Peace Institute.

8.11.2010 Around twenty participants in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs' diplomat course Kavaku visited Åland between 7 - 9.11.2010. Susann Simolin and Heidi Öst introduced the activities of the Peace Institute.

16.12.2010 Sia Spiliopoulou Åkermark participated in a meeting with European parliamentarians interested in minority issues in Strasbourg.



The nineteenth Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference (BSPC) was held in Mariehamn on Åland in August 2010. The director of the Åland Islands Peace Institute, Sia Spiliopoulou Åkermark, held a presentation entitled 'Convergence or Divergence in Baltic Security'. Picture: Johannes Jansson/norden.org

The ÅIPI in Germany

In June 2010 the Finland Institute in Berlin arranged the an event entitled "Kenne Sie Åland?" (Do you know Åland?). The Peace Institute's researcher Sarah Stephan presented the Åland Example at the Night of Science in Berlin and lead a debate on "European Integration vs regional diversity. The experiences and strategies of Åland" at the Finland Institute with around 30 participants. In cooperation with the Finland Institute knowledge about Åland and the Åland Islands Peace Institute were spread successfully within Germany. In November 2010 the Peace Institute had the opportunity to present its research on the Åland Example and its current relevance at the University of Erlangen.

Research 2010

In 2010 the research activities of the Åland Islands Peace Institute have focused on the Åland Example, European language diversity and empowerment.

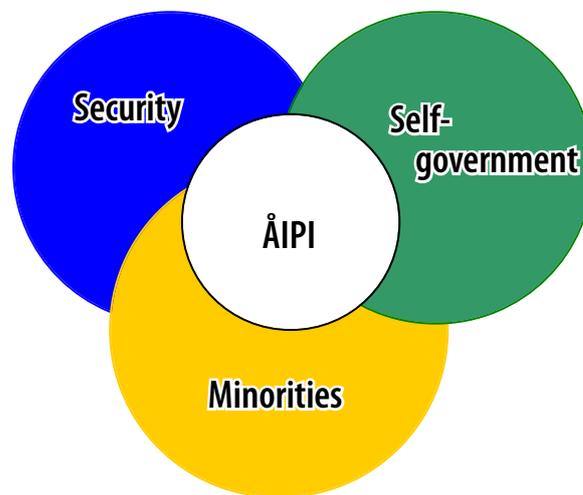
The research of the Åland Islands Peace Institute can be placed within the overlapping areas of security, autonomy and minority protection.

The Åland Islands Peace Institute has been involved in three major research projects in 2010:

- European language diversity (European Language Diversity for All, ELDIA, 2010-2013);
- The contents and relevance of the Åland Example (2010-2013);
- Analysis of attitudes to equality, sexual violence and trafficking and the effect of the so called girl- and boy group method on these understandings and attitudes (2010-2011).

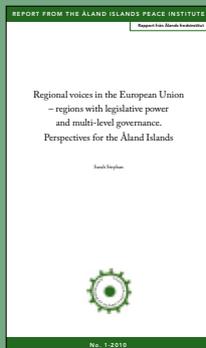
The Åland Islands Peace Institute's research staff participates is regularly invited by other institutions as expert lecturers and resource persons.

The Åland Islands Peace Institute has an Advisory Research Council, appointed by the Board. In 2010 the Research Council consisted of Kjell-Åke Nordquist (Chairman), Associate Professor at the Department of Peace and Conflict Studies at Uppsala University, Susanne Jungerstam, pol. Dr, lecturer at



Novia University of Applied Sciences and Nils-Gustaf Eriksson, psychiatrist and expert in crisis management with a private practice on Åland. The director of the Peace Institute, Sia Spiliopoulou Åkermark, Associate Professor in International Law, functions as the secretary of the Council. The mission of the Council is to advise on the scholarly direction of the Peace Institute's activities and support the research activities. In 2010 the Research Council has presented a new research program to the Board, which was approved on 16 January 2010 and will be in force between 2010-2014. The programme can be downloaded on the home page of the Peace Institute: <http://www.peace.ax/en/research>.

Publications



The Åland Islands Peace Institute publishes both books and reports, authored by staff, guest researchers or affiliates. The report series entitled "Rapport från Ålands Fredsinstitut - Report from the Åland Islands Peace Institute" are published about three times annually, both electronically and in hard copy. During 2010 the following reports were published: No. 3 – 2010 Minority Education in Finland – The rights of minorities to receive teaching in and on their own language

in accordance with international law and Finnish law/Kristian Myntti (In Swedish) No. 2 – 2010 "The international card" – altruism and self-interest as reasons for presenting the Åland Example/John Granlund (In Swedish) No. 1 – 2010 Regional voices in the European Union – regions with legislative power and multi-level governance. Perspectives for the Åland Islands/Sarah Stephan

International relevance of the Åland Example

"The Åland Example – still of global relevance and interest?" is the title of an on-going research project on the Åland Example, its relevance and use in attempts to resolve international conflicts that at the Åland Islands Peace Institute. The research project, the results of which will be published and presented at a conference in fall 2011.

The aim of the research is twofold. On one hand, the components of the Åland Example are scrutinized, the autonomy, the demilitarization and the specific cultural and linguistic

rights; on the other hand the use of the Åland Example in international conflict resolution is subject of the analysis. What has contributed to the sustainability and longevity of the Åland autonomy? How have the institutions changed over time and how have they been adapted to new contexts? How has the Åland Example been used in attempts to solve international conflict, by whom and to what effect? These are some of the questions that the three researchers that have worked within this project in 2010 set out to answer.

They have analyzed the development of different components of the Åland Example over time and traced the use of the Åland Example in attempts to solve international conflict, through interviews with politicians, diplomats and scholars. Four external writers have contributed to this analysis.

The project is possible thanks to support from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, the Jubilee Fund of the Åland Parliament and the Government of Åland.



ELDIA: Multilingualism and minority languages in Europe

ELDIA is a research project within the 7th Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development of the European Union which was launched in March 2010 and will run over a period of three years.

14 different language groups from eight European countries are to be compared and an important aim of the project is to gather the knowledge necessary to adopt approaches to strengthen multilingualism and minority languages in Europe. The project will, among other things, result in a tool box that can be compared to a barometer – “a barometer of language vitality” – that shows the viability of different languages. Many today suggest that multilingualism is to be considered an asset for individuals and societies. But how does multilingualism work in practice? And what factors affect the language choice of individuals? These are some of the questions that the project will try to answer.

The role of the ÅIPI within the project is to coordinate the research on the role of legislation in preserving multilingualism and minority languages. Nine researchers, three of which are located at the Peace Institute have started to

conduct the so-called legal framework analyses in October 2010. They cooperate not only with jurists but also with sociolinguists and sociologists in Germany, Sweden, Finland, Norway, Estonia, Russia, Slovenia and Austria. By selecting a large number of languages from the same language group, in this case finno-ugric languages spoken across eight countries, the team of researchers behind ELDIA hope to maximize the learning outcomes from the study.

Two larger meetings were held in 2010, a first kick-off conference in Mainz, Germany in March, where all the researchers involved discussed the structure and the working methods, and also a smaller seminar in Võro, Estonia, where the methods for the institutional, legal and political analysis were introduced and discussed. The seminar in Estonia was organized by the ÅIPI in cooperation with the University of Tartu.



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How can Åland contribute to peace?

How can the valuable experience of Åland in international peace efforts be better utilized? This question was discussed at the seminar “Ålandic efforts for peace” in March 2010.

Due to its demilitarized status and the fact that Ålanders are exempted from military service, Åland is not involved in military peace efforts. Individuals, NGOs and government agencies on the Åland Islands however, have gained valuable experience with different forms of civilian peace efforts in the world. Thus far these efforts remain uncoordinated but it is easy to conceive of more structured approaches to a larger scale involvement of Ålandic expertise in peace efforts around the world.

At the seminar “Ålandic efforts for peace”, organized by the Åland Islands Peace Institute in Mariehamn to mark the Day of Demilitarization on 30 March 2010, eight speakers with personal experiences in different forms of work towards peace, both in the field or on an institutional level, discussed the possibilities to coordinate Ålandic efforts in civilian crisis management.

Åland is often used as an example for the successful and sustainable settlement of conflict, that has

resulted in the peaceful co-existence of a linguistic minority along with the majority. Today, the autonomy of the archipelago, its demilitarization and neutralization are seen as integral parts of the Åland identity.

Barbro Sundback, who has long been a driving force behind the civilian peace work on Åland, described the Åland Example as a “peace project”. She argued that the Åland movement can be understood as a big peace movement and reminded us that the particular solution to the Åland conflict, with autonomy, demilitarization and neutralization, did not involve bloodshed.



Tom Asplund, representative for the Crisis Management Centre (CMC) in Kuopio, had a number of suggestions concerning the particular areas in which the Ålandic expertise could be useful, among others minority issues, border control, law of the sea, democratization, human rights, gender issues and trafficking prevention.

Roger Jansson is a member of the contact group between Åland and the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has

participated actively in discussions about how the Åland Example can be utilized to solve conflicts around the world. He sees a potential in the fact that people working within the civil sector on Åland have particular experiences in the administration of a “microstate” and in the cooperation between minority and majority as well as between the regional and national levels. Roger argued that there are only two obstacles for Åland to overcome if it wants to contribute to civil crisis management on a national level – on the one hand the language, on the other hand that the prevailing focus on military actors. .

The speakers illustrated that the experiences are found among individual persons as well as among organizations and authorities and that there are opportunities for those who want to make a contribution - but there is not a large-scale structure to involve Ålanders in peace work abroad. One way could be to engage Ålanders and Åland organizations in the future activities of the CMC.



Seminars and lectures

The Åland Islands Peace Institute organizes seminars, conferences, lectures and discussions on current issues relevant to the work of the Institute. The researchers and other staff of the Peace Institute also participate in seminars organized by other actors, on Åland as well as abroad.

The aim with the seminar activities is to share the results of the research carried out at the Peace Institute. The expertise and experiences from practical peace work is to increase the knowledge about and possibilities for peaceful conflict resolution. A part of these activities are organized in cooperation with other organizations. Some seminars are aimed at the general

public on Åland, others to a broader, external audience. In accordance with the operational plan, the peace Institute has during 2010 sought to work proactively – with planned seminars and lectures in relation to the publication of reports or visits – as well as reactively, what the Institute has contributed with its competence on request. During 2010 the Institute sought to broaden its information activities in order to a larger extent, reach the general public on Åland.

The Åland Islands Peace Institute wants to increase its visibility on the Finnish mainland and in Sweden, which is why the Institute should strive to arrange yearly events in one of the cities mentioned.

More seminars on Åland 2010:

11.1.2010: “Strategic options for Åland in the EU”. Mariehamn City Library. The seminar was based on the report “Regional voices in the European Union – regions with legislative power and multi-level governance. Perspectives from the Åland Islands” written by researcher Sarah Stephan.

15-16.6.2010: Seminar on the autonomy of Scotland, with Dr Eve Hepburn from Edinburgh University, in the Åland Government.

7.9.2010: “The Åland demilitarization and neutralization” in relation to new European challenges, with the participation of Alexander Stubb, Minister of Foreign Affairs. The seminar was arranged by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Åland Government. Sia Spiliopoulou Åkermark participated as a member of the panel at the seminar.

21.10.2010: The Åland Islands Peace Institute and Åland’s Multicultural Society organized the seminar “The Education of Language Minorities” in the Mariehamn City Library. Key note speaker was Kristian Myntti, special researcher at the Department of Law at Åbo Akademi University, commentator was the General Consul of Sweden on Åland Ingrid Iremark.

30.10.2010: The Ålands Islands Peace Institute (AIPI) and United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) Finland organized the lecture “Can genocide be prevented?” in the Mariehamn City Library. The lecture was given by Helena Ranta, chairman of UNIFEM Finland, professor and forensic odontologist, Helsinki University, Department of Forensic Medicine.



Sarah Stephan



Dr Eve Hepburn



Speakers at the seminar “Åland - actions for peace”, from the left:

Jürgen Weyand, former employee of the Red Cross, has been working internationally for many years,

Andreas Karlsson, chief of emergency at the Finnish Red Cross, district of Åland,

Barbro Sundback, Member of Åland Parliament, driving force in Åland civil society work for peace,

Roger Jansson, Member of Åland Parliament and member of the contact group for Åland and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Finland,

Marika Karlsson, nurse who has worked for the Red Cross in Sudan,

Sia Spiliopoulou Åkermark, director of the Åland Islands Peace Institute, moderator at the seminar,

Tom Asplund, representative for the Crisis Management Centre in Kuopio (CMC) with long experience of work abroad,

Carina Aaltonen, active in Emmaus, and earlier also the Åland Islands Peace Institute,

Lotta Angergård, companion (ledsagare) in Palestine, sent by the World Council of Churches

Empowerment and equality

The Åland Islands Peace Institute has since 2003 worked with the Girl Group Method together with the Nendre center for women and children. The cooperation has expanded to include partner organizations in Belarus, the Kaliningrad area and Latvia. The method has mainly been used to strengthen young women in risk groups among other things to reduce the risk for them being victims of trafficking and to create possibilities to increased participation in society.

In cooperation with Latvia, Kaliningrad and Karelia (Russia) and

Lithuania the ÅIPI has during 2010 worked with a broadened perspective. It is equally important to work with boys as with girls to reach increased equality and work against structures that can lead to trafficking. It is also important to work among adults as well as young people and also with other than marginalized individuals to try to change structures and stereotypes that can be a basis for, and legitimize, sexual violence in different forms.

The Åland Islands Peace Institute sees equality as an important prerequisite for peace. Peace work includes

to counteract violence, promote peaceful conflict settlement on all levels and to strengthen the capacity of the individual to actively participate in society. Unequal gender relations can lead to violence. Stereotypical views on what is masculine and feminine can legitimize actions that violate or hurt another person. In its most extreme form, gender stereotypes can contribute to sex slavery and trafficking. Therefore, the Peace Institute works for equality and against gender related violence through the Girl- and Boy Group Method.

What is the girl - and boy group method?

The Boy- and Girl Group Method is a Nordic model for equality- and empowerment work with young people. Together with educated leaders, teenage girls and boys participate in regular group meetings in their spare-time, where the non-judgmental discussion is the basic method and where values, norms and equality are important themes. Within the group, there is an agreement on a promise of secrecy and a duty to attend. The young people themselves choose the themes for the discussions and can also choose to have other activities.

Some of the goals of the work are to empower the individual, enhance the possibilities for participation in society and at the same time question gender stereotypes, and give a basis for increased equality.

Cooperation with Azerbaijan

In 2010, the cooperation with the women's organization Yuva in Baku, Azerbaijan, was further developed as a consequence of the youth exchange "Living Bridges", where young women from South Caucasus and the Nordic Countries got the opportunity to meet on the Åland Islands in 2009 to discuss gender issues such as the role of women in conflict resolution. The organizations developed a common project, which will introduce the Girl Group Method in Azerbaijan. The project leader Sarah Stephan and the volunteer Kamala Ramazonova made a planning visit to Baku, and in spring 2010 an application was handed in to the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs program for civil society development cooperation. The goal with the project "Girl Center Open Doors – meeting point for young women in Azerbaijan" is to strengthen young women's self esteem and participation in society. The application was granted in December 2010. The project starts in Fall 2011 and continues to Fall 2013.

Fun discussions in boy group

"A boy group is fun, you can talk about anything without others knowing" says Robin, a member of a boy group in Mariehamn on the Åland Islands.

Robin Nylund, 14 years, from Mariehamn, participates in a boy group that meets at a youth center once a week.

- We have coffee and talk about politics, sex relations as well as advantages and disadvantages between genders, how different things can be right or wrong for boys and girls and so on.

Since there is a rule in the boy group that everyone has to listen to what the others have to say, the discussions work well, Robin says.

Robin thinks that he is generally quite outspoken and dares to speak his mind

both inside and outside of the boy group. Still, the group meetings, that are set to a particular time and place provides an opportunity to discuss more deeply. Otherwise, you are not likely to just sit down in the woods and talk about these things just like that.

Robin has mostly heard positive comments from people outside the group.

- I actually thought that people would find the boy group quite ridiculous, but they do not. Now there is a new guy who has asked to be allowed to join the group.



Robin Nylund



Regional cooperation

...with Lithuania and Russia

Since September 2010 the Åland Islands Peace Institute runs the tripartite cooperation “Overcoming Gender Disparities” together with the Lithuanian organization Nendre and the organization “The Star of Hope” from Kaliningrad (Russia). The results of the project are subject to empirical studies by the “Karelian Center for Gender Studies” in Petrozavodsk (Russia). The project is financed by the Nordic Council of Ministers and Emmaus Åland.

The overarching aim of the project is to develop an unique empowerment method based on the Nordic Girl- and Boy Group Method. Nendre and Star of Hope, that has earlier only worked with women and children, is now trying to involve whole families, including fathers, in their activities. What is new with the project is that the Girl Group Method is adapted to be used in separate group meetings for women and men. In the groups, topics discussed are the relation to the children, home work, the view on the other sex, sexuality and violence. The participants themselves choose which subjects that are discussed in the groups.

Except for the groups for women and men, groups for girls and boys are also established in Lithuania and the Kaliningrad region. The target group for the project is socially marginalized families with low economic status, low education and where addiction problems are common. In total, around 100 youngsters and around 70 adults are participating in the project.

... with Latvia

Since October 2010 the Åland Islands Peace Institute together with the Latvian partner organization Resource Center For Women, Marta, runs the project “Challenge Gender Roles for the Prevention of Trafficking”.

The Central Baltic Interreg IVA-program finances near 80 % of the project budget. The Åland Government contributes with national co-financing.

The project is preemptive, and the aim is to challenge gender stereotypes to prevent trafficking, sex slavery and other forms of sexually related violence. This is done primarily by working with empowerment among young people and by information campaigns. Within the frame of the project, two researchers are working with an evaluation of the so called Girl and Boy Group Method, which is used within the project in the work with teenagers.

This year is the first time that the ÅIPI organizes groups also on Åland. Our partners in Lithuania have worked with Boy Groups in pilot projects, but within the current cooperation with Latvia, more emphasis is put on involving also boys in the activities.

The project continues to December 2011, and has passed half-time. In both countries, a total of 48 leaders have been educated and 21 new Girl and Boy Groups have been started. In total, over 100 teenagers are involved in the activities. On Åland, four girl groups and two boy groups are organized by the project, and another girl group is going to start during 2011.



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Volunteers - here, there and

The ÅIPI can help with volunteer placements within the framework of the EU program European Voluntary Service (EVS). The Åland Islands Peace Institute is both a sending and a receiving organization. The volunteering is financed with EU fund that are administered by national organization, in Finland this is the CIMO, the Center for International Mobility.



Kamala went home in July

Kamala Ramazova from Azerbaijan was volunteering at the Åland Islands Peace Institute from the end of July 2009 to May 2010. Kamala is a journalist, and has earlier been reporting on the foreign policy of Azerbaijan for the news agency ANSpres. On the Peace Institute her main task was to create a cooperation network between Åland and Azerbaijan



Jeanette and Lukrecija arrived in August

Jeanette Mauricio has a background in journalism and gender studies, and is working as an EVS-volunteer at the Peace Institute from August 2010 to June 2011. She is mostly working with communication, the EVS-program and gender issues. Jeanette holds a Master's degree in Human Rights and another in Gender Studies from the Complutense Universitet in Spain as well as a Bachelor in Journalism from the San Marco National University in Peru. She has been working with media in different forms and at the press office/public relations office of the authority for youth issues in Spain.



Lukrecija Bielskyte is an EVS-volunteer at the Åland Islands Peace Institute from August 2010 to June 2011. She is from Lithuania and has a degree in Philology from the University of Vilnius. Her main subjects were the Swedish language and literature. She is interested in languages, culture and psychology and has a passion for Human Rights issues. At the Peace Institute she is working with regional cooperation and in particular the contacts between Åland and Lithuania.

Lukrecija tells what it is like to be a volunteer on Åland:

First and foremost, I have to say that Åland is the place where I feel very close to nature – and that is very important for me. As a kid, I used to paint the sea and boats even though I lived very far from the sea – Vilnius is kind of a concrete jungle with a couple of park oasis. Therefore, I experience a sense of freedom and home when I walk along the water.

I am also impressed of how everything works in a small

society: that I often meet the same people in different circumstances with different roles, and that you always say good morning to the bus driver which is not typical for larger cities such as Vilnius.

On the other hand, I miss the overwhelming feeling of being a minimal part of powerful flows of people on broad streets between high houses. More motion and frankness is something I sometimes also need.”

Youth work



The Åland Islands Peace Institute is part of several networks linked to the EU youth program. Within the frame of these networks, there are possibilities to participate in as well as arranging different youth exchanges. With regard to the ÅIPI, the exchanges are organized within the frame work of the education activities.

The purpose of the youth exchanges is partly to give young people from Åland the possibility to get acquainted to people from other cultures, and partly to spread the knowledge about peace and peaceful conflict resolution.

During 2010 the ÅIPI hosted the youth exchange Boundaries, with 30 participants from five countries.

The ÅIPI is a sending as well as receiving organization for the European Voluntary Service. The aim of the EVS is to develop solidarity and promote active citizenship and mutual understanding between young people. Except for being useful to the local community, the volunteers shall learn new skills and languages and experience new cultures.

everywhere (almost)

INFORMATION OM EVS - EUROPEISKT VOLONTÄRARBETE FÖR UNGDOMAR

Är du mellan 18 och 30 år
och vill ut i världen?

DU KAN BLI VOLONTÄR

- Som EVS-volontär arbetar du inom en organisation eller en kommun i ett annat land i eller utanför Europa.
- Du kan till exempel arbeta på daghem eller äldreboende, sköta om djur eller arbeta med idrott.
- Normallängd för volontärperioden är 2-12 månader.
- EU-kommissionen betalar bla fickpengar, mat, logi, försäkring och 90% av din resa.
- Det viktigaste med EVS är att du lär dig någonting. Framför allt lär du känna nya människor och ett annat språk, men också en ny kultur. Dessutom lär du dig att stå på egna ben.

Men du måste först hitta en plats och ansöka om att få bli volontär!



Vänd på bladet och läs om hur man gör



During 2010 three volunteers from Åland went to Europe through the youth exchange European Voluntary Service (EVS).

Rebecca Lagström, 18, went to Athens, Greece, to work at Archeilon, a rehabilitation centre for sea turtles, Linda Adolfsson, 26, was working at a youth center in Blaubeuren close to Ulm in Germany and Linda Johansson, 27, was working at the SOS Social Centre in Sarajevo in Bosnia and Hercegovina.



Linda Johansson's pictures from SOS Social Centre in Sarajevo



GD Utbildning och kultur

Programmet "Ung och Aktiv i Europa"

During 2010 the ÅPI has sent three young Ålanders as international volunteers and has hosted two new foreign volunteers.

Since autumn 2008 the ÅPI has worked to revive the youth group PUNKT in cooperation between ÅPI and Agenda 21. Today, PUNKT is first and foremost a forum for information exchange in the form of a

Face book group. The purpose of the youth group PUNKT is to create an interest for peace and environmental issues among young Ålanders. The youngsters shall have a forum where they can discuss, with likeminded, questions related to peace and environment, and suggest activities. Young people shall be visible as active participants in the Åland society.

The goal for 2010 was to increase the level of activity in the network, to encourage the members to debate on initiatives and support the members in the work with their own projects. Because of lack of resources, this work has not been prioritized during 2010, but will be resumed during 2011.



Five nationalities at peace camp

The 6th to 13th of August 2010 30 young people from Åland, Turkey, Bulgaria, the Netherlands and Greece met in Prästö/Vårdö to discuss borders and identity during the youth exchange Boundaries II.

Boundaries II was a follow-up to a youth exchange with the same theme that was organized in Ysselsteyn in the Netherlands in 2009. The goal of the exchange was to give young people from different countries the chance to meet and discuss personal, cultural and national boundaries and how they can cause severe conflicts but also work as meeting places.

During the camp workshops were held around topics such as boundaries, identity, tolerance and conflict

solution, excursions to Mariehamn, the Kastelholm castle, the fortress of Bomarsund and the Åland Parliament, as well as cultural evenings and other social activities. The purpose of the camp was that young people from different cultures would get a chance to know each other and get a chance to discuss important questions.

The participants lived in cottages for four persons in Prästö, Åland. Also some of the meals were served at the café in Prästö. Most of the indoor activities and workshops were held at the Solhult youth locality, a short walk and a three-minute ferry ride from Prästö cottage village. Most of the meals were cooked and consumed at the youth locality. The participants who did not work in the kitchen used their spare time to, among other things, swimming, volleyball, pool or table tennis. The camp was also situated a short walk from the fortress of Bomarsund and other historical places.

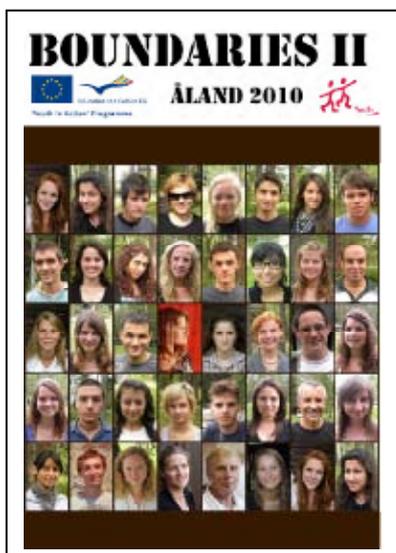
During the time of the exchange the youth were actively engaged in organizing the activities and the activities themselves were built to ensure active participation. The participants planned and carried out several of the

workshops and activities themselves.

Particular emphasis was put on the production of a magazine on the topic of "Boundaries and identity". The participants discussed and decided on the content of the magazine. The participants worked in small groups with participants from different countries to produce articles, make interviews or survey, take pictures and create other material that will be part of the magazine. This activity gave the participants the opportunity to practice their English skills through writing articles, but it also served to let the youth know participants from other countries, and they practiced practical skills such as time planning. The paper has been printed and distributed to the partner organizations.

Every national group was also responsible for a cultural evening during the week, a part in the program where they introduced their own culture, through among other things song, dance and games, and their own cultural food by preparing national dishes for the other participants.

The exchange was financed by the EU youth program Youth in Action.





School peace

With the NGO Folkhälsan as main organizer, Save the Children, The Åland Islands Peace Institute and the Bureau of Education at the Åland Government cooperate around school peace on Åland. With school peace, the importance of everyone in the school environment working together to ensure a humane school climate is emphasized.

Within the project School Peace the ÅIPI offers education on the StegVis-method, which is an education program for kindergarten and school. StegVis is an education program aimed at furthering the social and emotional competences of the pupils and counteracting violence.

In April a basic course was arranged for primary school teachers and kindergarten teachers with Björn Gislason, psychologist, from Sweden, as lecturer.

During the autumn, “circle meetings” have been arranged for primary school and kindergarten teachers with prior experience of the StegVis-method. Sanna Roos, educator and postgraduate student of Psychology, was lecturer on these occasions.

The call for school peace at the square of Mariehamn attracted a record number of pupils when it was held for the fourth time on 2 September 2010. Close to 300 pupils, teachers and parents attended.

Except for the call for school peace and school peace greetings the audience enjoyed musical entertainment provided by pupils from the primary schools of Eckerö and Näfsby as well as an ensemble from the Ålands Musikinstitut.

A solemn speech was held by the Deputy Head of the Åland Government and Minister of Education Britt Lundberg.

Within the framework of the school peace year 2010-2011 the schools work with different themes to prevent bullying and further tolerance in the schools.

Within the school year of 2009-2010 pupils on high school level have also been included in the school peace project.

In a pilot project the Åland Islands Peace Institute has offered a series of lectures to the Ålands Lyceum.

The series of lectures were started in autumn 2009 with six occasions where researchers from the ÅIPI held lectures on human rights, minority protection and the demilitarization of Åland within the framework of social sciences. The purpose was to increase the students’ knowledge of peace and conflict.

The purpose of the school peace project is to create a better and safer environment for pupils, teachers and school staff.

Educational activities

In the practical work for peace the Åland Islands Peace Institute focuses on different forms of empowerment, or “strengthened own power” with the final purpose of contributing to the development of civil society through strengthening the individual’s capacity for peaceful conflict settlement and active participation in society. Most of the time, the ÅIPI is working with prevention and in many cases with young people. The ÅIPI wants to offer people education in matters of peace but also the possibility to discuss their own values with people from their own society, and also in the meeting with people from other countries.

During 2010 the ÅIPI has, in accordance with the operational plan, organized education in the StegVis-method for Ålandic educators and also held lectures in Ålandic high schools.

Volunteering as a mediator

Since 2010, Kristina Sundman volunteers as a mediator for the Mediation Office at the Åland Islands Peace Institute. Here, she speaks about her experiences.

How did you hear about the basic course in mediation?

- I heard about the education that was organized in 2008 and I got interested in becoming a volunteer mediator already then. I also heard an interview on the radio with the former Mediation Officer. When I saw the advertisement in the paper for the basic course, I thus signed up for it.

What did you know about the mediation activities before the basic course?

- I knew that it was about mediation between victims of a crime and perpetrators, and that it was a pretty new activity, and that a new law about it had recently been created.

What made you apply for the course?

- It was because I am interested in mediation and conflict settlement

and that I wanted to be engaged in some voluntary work, to feel that I am doing something useful in this world.

Do you feel that as a mediator?

- Absolutely, yes, I do.

You have been mediating in several during cases the last year, and you participated in the mediation days for Swedish-speaking mediators in Ekenäs in September. Where does your commitment to mediation come from?

- I think that it is important that the parties in a criminal case get the possibility to process the events, that the plaintiff gets redress and that perpetrators take personal responsibility for what they have done. In

mediation meetings, many cases are cleared up and you agree on compensation and write contracts. Here the perpetrators themselves have to stand by their deeds and I think that has some meaning forthcoming. At least I wish so.

What do you think is the best that has happened to you as a volunteering mediator in 2010?

- It is always great when everything goes well. When mediation turns out fine. When you feel that both parties get something from it. It was also interesting to participate in the

“ ... the perpetrators themselves have to stand by their deeds and I think that has some meaning forthcoming ... ”

mediation days in Ekenäs, interesting and rewarding. It was fascinating that the Swedish lecturer emphasized how



The Åland Mediation Office 2010

The purpose of mediation at the Åland Mediation Office is to get the parties in a criminal case or in some civil cases to go through constructive discussions and reach a settlement. The goal for 2010 was to handle 60 mediation initiatives, to recruit new volunteer mediators to be able to increase the amount of cases handled, and that all mediators shall be activated and strengthened in their role as mediators through further training.

The long term goal is that the mediation activities shall be known to the general public on Åland and that it shall produce long term results, for example by preventing repeated crime and through breaking a crime spiral, especially among young people.

In spring 2010 a basic course was organized in order to recruit new voluntary mediators. 11 people participated in the course. Therefore, the goal to recruit new mediators has been met. During the year, 27 initiatives were presented to the mediation office. Out of these, mediation was begun in 21 cases. The goal to handle 60 cases, which was based on numbers from 2008 and 2009, was thus not met. The police was responsible for 22 initiatives in 2010. The total number of crimes reported has been lower in 2010 compared to the year before, according to the police.

important the process is, that not only the contract counts, but that the process in itself can have some meaning for the parties. To meet can have a meaning even if the parties do not reach an agreement.

What do you think has been the most challenging situation that you have experienced as a voluntary mediator in 2010?

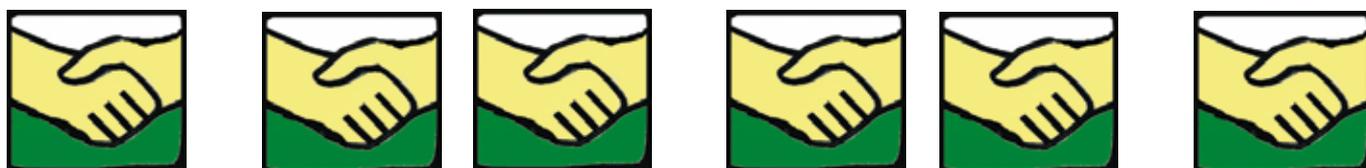
- I think of a situation where the plaintiff was both physically and mentally affected, and you could feel insecurity and fear between the parties. The challenge was to create a safe room for conversation.

How have people reacted when you have told them about being a voluntary mediator?

- Positively, I have not met anyone who has been negative.

How do you think that the mediation relates to the rest of the activities at the Åland Islands Peace Institute?

- The Peace Institute does research in conflict management, and mediation is to create "peace" between people and to solve conflicts. I think that the activities work in well at the Peace Institute and that there is a linkage.



Events throughout the year

14.1 information from the State Administration on Åland that the Government asked for opinions on the Government proposition to amend the law on mediation in criminal cases and some civil cases. A Swedish version of the proposition arrived first on February 11, why the last date of submission was prolonged from 15.2 to 1.3.

22.1 The investigators at the Police were informed about the activities at Hotell Arkipelag.

15.2 Statistics from the mediation year of 2009 were reported to the National Institute for Health and Welfare.

20.2-27.2 Basic course in mediation was organized in the State Administration Building.

26.2 Comments were sent to the State Administration on the government proposition to amend the law on mediation in criminal cases and some civil cases.

22.4 The voluntary mediators met in the library of the Åland Islands Peace Institute

26.8 The mediation activities were discussed with the Legal Committee of the Parliament in the State Administration Building during the Legal Committee's visit to Åland.

11-12.9 The Mediation Officer and a voluntary mediator were inspired at the Swedish-speaking mediation days in Ekenäs.

13.9 The Mediation Officer participated in the meeting of the Mediation Delegation in Åbo

21.9 The voluntary mediators met in the library of the ÅIPI

11.11 The Mediation commission met in the State Administration Building.

Information and policy advocacy

The Åland Islands Peace Institute wants to spread information about its activities among other things through digital channels, hard copy information and mass media. The purpose is to increase the awareness of the activities of the Peace Institute and its expertise, locally and internationally, and to inform and affect the public debate in matters that lie within the core areas of the Peace Institute.



Newsletter

The Åland Islands Peace Institute distributes via e-mail newsletters to subscribers 4-5 times a year. During 2010 four newsletters were sent to the ÅIPIs contacts. Visitors were asked if they wanted to become subscribers, and those who want to subscribe can sign up at the webpage www.peace.ax or send an e-mail to peace@peace.ax.



The ÅIPI has also produced information material for distribution. In 2010, a flyer about the publications of the ÅIPI was updated.



The web page www.peace.ax

In 2010, the webpage www.peace.ax was redesigned to better reflect the activities as they have developed. Some projects have received their own subpages linked to the web page of the ÅIPI. In 2010, a total of 15,473 visits were registered to the webpage of the ÅIPI. The 8888 unique visitors were from 122 different countries. In 2010 the Ålandic peace blog was started where current or former staff, guest researchers and board members or invited writers contribute. In 2010, 11 blog posts were published.

Some of the ÅIPI projects also use Facebook for communication.

Open reference library

The reference library of the Åland Islands Peace Institute is part of the Ålandic library database Katrina and thus, the books are available to the general public. This year, the library has been supplemented with literature specific to the areas relevant to the activities of the Peace Institute. The library contains 1608 titles. The online database of the ÅIPI has been supplemented with further material and now contains 2141 documents.



The ÅIPI also takes part in public events such as the civil society fair "Square of possibilities" and the book fair. In 2010, a manifestation was held in central Mariehamn on the International Day of Violence against Women.

Tjejer i grupp blir starkare tillsammans

TORS DAG 12 AUGUSTI 2010



Ungdomarna har delat in sig i grupper för att jobba med utbildningen. Från vänster Zhaklin Emilie Georgjeva, Dierita Ouzouni, Gülsah Tokukan, Tagmar Carus, Almet Kiray, Irja Swainkari och Tayfun Musat Erzen.

"Vi tar världen hit helt enkelt"

Fredsläger vill öka förståelsen mellan folk och länder.

Ungdomar från fem olika länder har samlats i Vårdö för att diskutera gränser och identitet. Under sex dagar gör de allt från att köpa souvenirer i stan till en egen tidning.

INTERNATIONELL VERKSAMHET 30 ungdomar från Åland, Turkiet, Bulgarien, Holland och Grekland har samlats i Vårdö för att diskutera gränser och identitet. Under de sex dagarna de är på läger i Vårdö arrangeras work-shops, utbyten, kulturfestivals och andra sociala aktiviteter. Sammanfattning av Susann Simolin, informationsansvarig på Ålands fredsinstitut, är nedan. Texten på det här lägret är alla sorters gränser, så-

laggräns, ler de på som har lägret - gör en till Milka Kiray och Dierita Ouzouni att redaktörerna delar ut det som är en mera efter har sig de fören. Förut det var i stan och minna. - I stan eller som till Bulgarien har sig magiskt. Tar värld Syden när ning är så de jobba kvar här i klänna va



Milka Kiray från Bulgarien och Dierita Ouzouni från Grekland tycker om naturen på Solhult i Vårdö.



Tjejgruppsmetoden en åländsk hit

Tjejgruppsmetoden är en nordisk modell som utvecklats på Åland och som med bidrag av bland annat utrikesministerie exporteras till Litauen, Vitryssland och Kaliningrad. Nu står nästa land i tur: Azerbajdzjan.

Tjejgrupper startades på Åland 1995 i Folkhälsans regi. En drivande kraft var Mia Hanström, då ungdomsarbetsare i Märhamn och engagerad i jämställdhetsfrågor, och hon sammanställde en handbok för tjejgruppsarbete. Handboken har sedan dess omarbetsats för att passa utomlandsförhållanden och



Språkdöskaren om minoritetsspråken i Finland.

Det finns ett hot mot svenskan

The ÅIPI in the media

In 2010 the ÅIPI appeared in different circumstances in articles in the local newspapers Nya Åland and Ålandstidningen some fifty times.

Between August 30th and September 3rd 2010 the ÅIPI launched an information campaign on gender equality. Five days in a row different advertisement were published in the local papers, on the ÅIPI

webpage www.peace.ax and on Facebook. The campaign was part of the project "Challenge Gender Roles for the Prevention of Trafficking".

The ÅIPI works with lobbying through offering debate articles to different papers. The goal is to publish 4-5 articles throughout the year. In 2010, four opinion pieces were published in local media:

War or peace? About the mixing-up of civilian and military concepts, Sia Spiliopoulou Åkermark, March Åland and Northern Coast, Sia Spiliopoulou Åkermark, September
 What is the problem with gender roles? Susann Simolin, September
 A dialogue on Krim, Heidi Öst, August

HÄLSA Dagis
MAMMA ATT I MOR-GON SKA STÖVLARNA MED!
 Har pappor och mamor samma ansvar för sina barn? Projektet Utmana könsroller för att motverka sexslaveri undersöker könsroller, jämställdhet, makt och våld. Fundera du med på www.peace.ax.

SLUT PALLRA PELLE, DU ÄR VÄL INGA BÖG?
 Ska killar leka med dockor? Projektet Utmana könsroller för att motverka sexslaveri undersöker könsroller, jämställdhet, makt och våld. Fundera du med på www.peace.ax.

SNÄLLA, INTE NU, JAG HAR INTE LUST
 Är det okej för män att säga nej till sex? Projektet Utmana könsroller för att motverka sexslaveri undersöker könsroller, jämställdhet, makt och våld. Fundera du med på www.peace.ax.

Staff

The board appoints the staff of the ÅIPI, proposed by the Director. In 2010, the ÅIPI had 6,35 full time positions, divided on a great number of people with different terms of employment.

Employed:

Sia Spiliopoulou Åkermark, Director, 80% of full time. Associate professor and responsible for the research
Susann Simolin, Information Officer, 75 % of full time, Responsible for the information and publication activities at the ÅIPI.

Bror Myllykoski, responsible for education and administration, 50% of full time, 6.4.2010 – 31.10.2010, Head of Administration, 80 – 100% of full time 1.11.2010 – 31.12.2010. Head of Administration and responsible for conflict management and peace education in schools.

Heidi Öst, Mediation Officer and researcher, 100% of full time (post with conditional tenure). As Mediation Officer (50%) she handles the mediation. Also works with research (50%) within the ELDIA- and ÅLEX projects.

Sarah Stephan, Project Manager and Researcher, 75-100% of full time. Responsible for education, seminars and parts of the youth activities. Also works with research and coordination within the ELDIA-project.

John Knight, Library and Archive, 13,5% of full time.

Denis Nazarenko, Project Manager (project staff), 100% of full time, 1.10.2009 – 31.10.2010, assistant, 1.11.2010-31.1.2010.

Frans Jansson, cleaner, hourly employed

Fredrik Karlsson, accountant, hourly employed

Project Staff, “Challenging gender roles for the prevention of trafficking”:

Jenny Jonstoj, Project Manager, 100%

Ann-Louise Idman, Finance Manager, 70%. Also financial assistant to



: Twice a year conferences are held where the staff of the Åland Islands Peace Institute discusses overall strategies and plans the work. The picture is from Lotsstugan in Mariehamn 9.9.2010.

the ÅIPI, 10% of full time.

Golnar Bahar, Research Assistant, 50% of full time, 4.1.2010 – 31.12.2011.

Justina Donielaite, Project Assistant, 40% of full time. Also Project Manager 60% of full time, for the regional cooperation with NGOs in Lithuania, Belarus and the Kaliningrad area. On parental leave, from 23.4.2010.

Ulrika Navier, Substitute Project Assistant, 40% of full time, 6.4.2010 – 1.4.2011, responsible for the girl- and boy group activities. Also Substitute Project Assistant 30% of full time 30.8.2010 – 1.4.2011 for regional cooperation with Lithuania and Russia.

Project staff: Researchers within the ELDIA project:

Petra Granholm, The Åland Island Peace Institute (Finland), Deva Zwitner, University of Graz (Austria), Emma Lantscher, University of Graz (Austria), Anders Fogelklou, Uppsala University (Sweden), Lisa Grans, Åbo Akademi University (Finland), Marianne Meior, Estonian Human Rights Center (Estonia), Petra Roter, University of Ljubliana (Slovenia).

Other temporary positions:

Oleg Kasianov, project staff, proof reader and assistant, 2 months

Ulf-Peter Westmark, hourly employed, substitute Mediation Officer

Kristian Myntti, project staff, researcher, two months.

Katja Daniels, project assistant, part-time, one month.



Interns:

The interns Katja Daniels and Anna Hannus worked in 2010 with writing applications for planning and implementing the youth exchange Boundaries, financed by the EU Youth in Action program. They also worked with text production for the web page www.peace.ax and translations between Swedish and English.

Financing

The budget of the Åland Islands Peace Institute was raised from 366.501 euro in the year 2009 to 578.113 euro in 2010, i.e. with 55 %. The Peace Institute has in 2010 received EU funding for two large scale projects. Since these projects have put high demands on the basic functions, 2010 has been a challenge when it comes to resources for necessary administrative functions.

The basic functions of the Institute such as premises and office, staff administration, the work of the Board, budgeting, accounting and organizational planning as well as the planning of new projects and cooperation create a basis for the implementation of all activities and give the possibilities for attracting external funding for different projects.

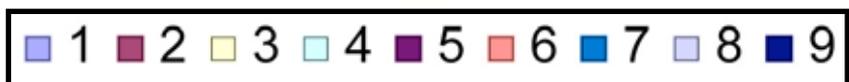
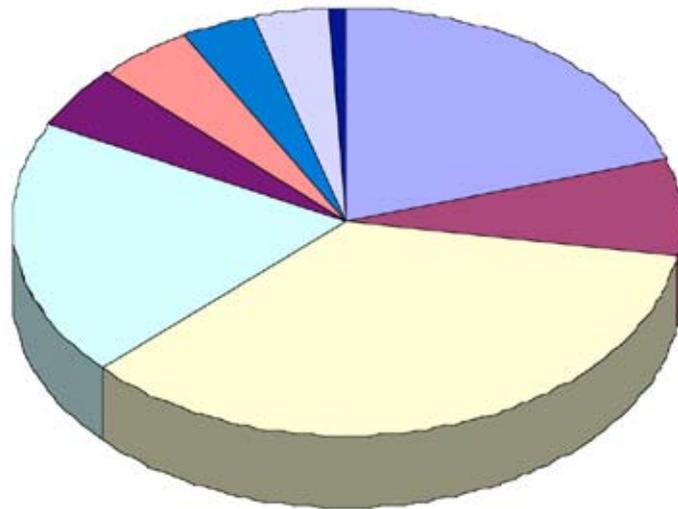
The ÅIPI aims for a more stable financing of the basic functions of the institute including the library and the publication- and information activities and project development. To be able to run the institute with high quality a stable basic function is needed. Basic funding is provided mainly from the Government of Åland, the Ministry of Education in Finland and the City of Mariehamn. Other funding is sought from different contributors for the different projects.

The knowledge of the ÅIPI is asked for locally as well as internationally, which is positive, but claims resources from the basic functions. The goal is that the local funding for the institute shall cover the most part of these basic costs.

A new economy- and salary administration program was taken into service in 2010 and this further adjusted and adapted to the needs and routines of the Peace Institute.

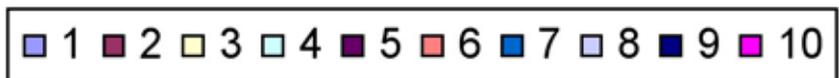
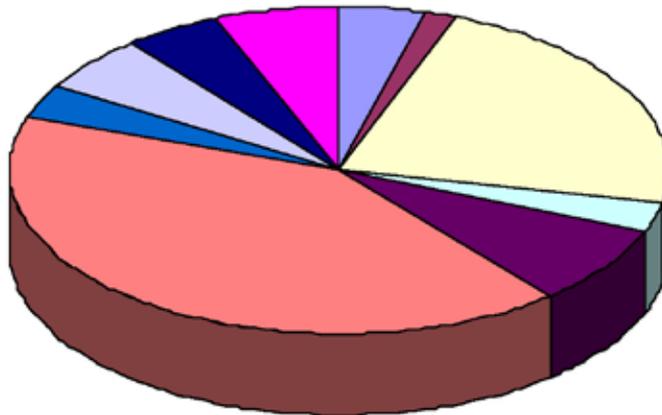
Since the ÅIPI has been granted funds from the EU for two large projects, the ÅIPI has expanded both when it comes to premises and staffing. The premises available at the moment are used to their maximal capacity and there is already a need for further expansion, for example to be able to host guest researchers and interns. Today it is not clear what will happen to the premises on Hamngatan 4 that the ÅIPI rents. Hopefully, there is a possibility to remain on the premises in the long run.

Costs 2010



1. Basic functions	117 134	19%
2. Seminars and youth exchange	41 155	7%
3. International empowerment projects	205 745	35%
4. Research	113 443	20%
5. Education	27 643	5%
6. Mediation	26 504	5%
7. Information and publications	20 628	4%
8. European voluntary service	21 236	4%
9. Library and archive	4 880	1%
Total:	578 368	100%

Incomes 2010



1. Ministry of Foreign Affairs (research)	23 400	4%
2. Ministry of Education	9 000	2%
3. Government of Åland, including PAF	123 300	22%
4. City of Mariehamn	16 000	3%
5. CIMO (youth activities)	42 745	8%
6. EU-funding (Central Baltic and ELDIA)	227 917	41%
7. Nordic Council of Ministers (regional cooperation)	17 909	3%
8. County Administrative Board (mediation)	31 730	6%
9. Other contributions, donations and travel allowances	25 500	5%
10. Other revenues, services sold, rental incomes etc.	33 869	6%
Total:	551 370	100%

Nyhetsbrev från Ålands fredsinstitut
 Newsletter from the Åland Islands Peace Institute
 25.11.2010

Manifestation mot våld mot kvinnor/Manifestation against violence against women
 Ihon Mylykoski ny administratörschef/ Ihon Mylykoski new as Head of Administration
 Ny ekonomisk utskott/ Financial officer needed
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Manifestation mot våld mot kvinnor, 25 november

I Finland delas varje år omkring 30 000 våld mot kvinnor ut på Åland 24 novemberdag. Detta är ett stort problem för Åland och för kvinnorna som utsätts för våld. Ålands fredsinstitut har tillsammans med andra organisationer på Åland arrangerat en manifestation mot våld mot kvinnor den 25 november. Under manifestationen ska vi tillsammans med andra organisationer på Åland diskutera våld mot kvinnor och hur vi kan göra för att förhindra våld mot kvinnor. Manifestationen ska hållas på Åland mellan 17.30 och 19.00. Tillsammans!



Manifestation for the elimination of violence against women

In Finland, every year around 30 000 women are murdered by their partners. In 2007, 24 agreements with a woman as a victim was reported to the Åland police. All these, in 40 cases the women had been attacked in her home. To acknowledge the problem of violence against women, the Peace Institute organizes the 25th of November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, a manifestation at the square in Mariehamn, Åland, Finland. During the manifestation, candles will be lit in the name of violence and victims of gender violence, and there will be placed on the square to organize the

illid women that are no longer with us. The Åland Islands Peace Institute is also being involved in organizing projects aimed at promoting gender equality and reducing sexual violence and gender based violence, in cooperation with partner organizations in various countries. The projects focus on proactive engagement measures in the field of gender equality, for example through the "Möte på ett bra sätt" and "Välkomna till Åland" projects. The manifestation will be held between 17.30 and 19.00. Together!



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