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News from the board.

By: Anne Andersen

Another three months have passed, and so this latest issue of Lumela.dk is ready for your pleasure!

The Board has had two meetings since issue

Nyt fra bestyrelsen

Af: Anne Andersen

Endnu tre måneder er gået, og det seneste nummer af Lumela.dk er klar til at blive læst!

Bestyrelsen har haft to møder siden nummer 28 udkom i juni. Hovedemnerne på møderne

no. 28 came out in June. The main issues on the meetings were the running of the projects with Rural Self-help Development Association (RSDA), Development and Peace Education (DPE) and the building of water tanks with Berea Agriculture Group (BAG). The Project with RSDA is going well. The DPE project is soon coming to an end. The report will be published when it is approved by all parties. DLN has heard that the three water tanks allocated BAG have been constructed. Later this year there will be a report.



1st July a refugees' ship named "Anton M/S" entered the harbour in Svendborg. It stayed there for the rest of the weekend. It was an art happening by the artist Jens Galschiøt in cooperation with Living Sea and Projektrådgivningen about the UN 2015 goals.

Jens Galschiøt is making bronze sculptures. He stakes his art to defend the ethnical values of our society, regardless of political, religious or economic interests.



Living Sea is an environmental association

har været de igangværende projekter med Rural Self-help Development Association (RSDA) og Development Peace Education (DPE) samt projektet med bygning af vandtanke med Berea Agriculture Group (BAG). Projektet med RSDA går godt. Projektet med DPE slutter snart. Rapporten vil blive offentliggjort, når den er godkendt af alle parter. DLN har erfaret, at de tre bevilligede vandtanke til BAG er blevet bygget. Senere i år vil der komme en rapport.

1. juli ankom et flygtningeskib med navnet "Anton M/S" til havnen i Svendborg. Det lå der hele weekenden. Der var tale om en happening af kunstneren Jens Galschiøt sammen med Levende Hav og Projektrådgivningen om FNs 2015 mål. Jens Galschiøt laver bronzeskulpturer.



Han bruger sin kunst til at forsvare vores etiske humanistiske værdier uafhængigt af politiske, religiøse og økonomiske interesser.



Levende Hav er en miljøforening, som

supporting communities of costal fisher folks all over the world who make use of environmentally sustainable tools. They invited DLN to take part in the event, to give us the opportunity to display information about ourselves.

Information on DLN was handed to interested people. DLN has produced two posters saying what we are doing to meet the UN 2015 goals. The posters are to be found in this newsletter.

In October the tourist trip to Lesotho is taking place. Hopefully Lumela.dk will be able to bring good stories and nice photos from the trip in the next issue.

DLN participates in art event

By: Helga Halck Højsager

In the afternoon of 1st July the good ship "Anton M/S" with 60 refugees arrived to Svendborg. It was a beautiful and striking sight when the ship sailed into the harbor. The artist Jens Galschøidt has brilliantly reflected a reality that otherwise only affects us on TV and other media. We take a look and go on with whatever we are engaged in. Whether it is a work of art or merely an event for us viewers, I certainly got "goose bumps" and reality came very close.



Mayor Curt Andersen welcomed all refugees

støtter kystfiskersamfund verden over, som fisker med naturskånsomme redskaber. De inviterede DLN til at deltage i eventen, for at vi kunne vise, hvad vi arbejder med. Foldere med information om DLN blev givet til interesserede. DLN har fremstillet to plakater, der fortæller, hvad vi gør for at møde FN's 2015 mål. Plakaterne kan ses i dette nyhedsbrev.

I oktober er det så, at turistturen til Lesotho finder sted. Forhåbentlig vil Lumela.dk kunne bringe både historier og billeder fra turen i det næste nummer.

DLN deltager i kunstevent

Af: Helga Halck Højsager

Den 1. juli kl. 15.30 ankom "Anton M/S" med 60 flygtninge til Svendborg. Det var et smukt og rammende syn da skibet stille sejlede ind i havnen.



Kunstneren Jens Galschøidt har på fantastisk vis afspejlet en virkelighed, som kun rammer os på TV og andre medier. Vi ser, og så er det videre med, hvad vi nu end er beskæftiget med. Uanset det er et kunstværk og en event for os beskuerer, så fik jeg i hvert fald "gåsehud" og en virkelighed kom meget tæt på.

and pointed out that we all have a responsibility to create a better world, so no need to flee.



We, the DLN could well follow this call to talk about our projects as a good example to support activities that promote the opportunities of people to maintain an existence in their own culture.

We experienced three days in Svendborg with wind, rain and brilliant sun, and especially contact with many visitors, who in various ways expressed their attitudes towards development aid.



DLN takes a stand in rain and could in Svendborg

By: Anna Marie Haslund

I was asked if I would take a standing in DLN's booth at Svendborg Harbour at the occasion of the Refugee Ship Anton coming to town with Jens Galschiot's refugee

Borgmester Curt Andersen bød alle flygtningene velkommen og gjorde opmærksom på, at vi alle har et ansvar og må være fælles om at skabe en bedre verden, så ingen behøver at flygte.

Vi, DLN kunne fint følge denne opfordring til dørs ved at fortælle om vores projekter, som et godt eksempel på, at støtte aktiviteter som fremmer befolkningens muligheder til at opretholde en tilværelse i deres egen kultur.



Vi oplevede 3 dage i Svendborg med blæst, regn og strålende sol, og ikke mindst kontakt til mange besøgende, som på forskellig vis gav udtryk for holdninger til udviklingsbistand.

DLN tager en tørn i regn og kulde i Svendborg.

Af: Anna Marie Haslund

Jeg var blevet spurgt, om jeg ville tage en tjans med at stå i DLN's stand på Svendborg Havn i anledningen af, at Flygtningeskibet Anton med Jens Galschiøts flygtningefigurer



figurines. As I wanted to see the ship and especially old friends from Lesotho, it was not so hard to say yes. Moreover, it is always nice to get in touch with new people and talk about Lesotho and our organization. Saturday 2nd July, Anne and I had the afternoon manager position, but just in the hours we were on, God chose to open the taps. It rained cats and dogs and I arrived at a nearly deserted port. The refugee ship lay in the harbour and looked - despite the pouring weather - beautiful and impressive.



There was another booth, who valiantly tried to keep the flag flying - a Svendborg India project that tried to sell beautiful handmade items from India, though without much luck. Despite the rain there was anything but boredom at the port. This was due not least to The Alternative Music School in Svendborg, who entertained in the tent, in which also DLN was staying.



A group of amazing talented young musicians entertained at various instruments and at one level it was a few degrees above what else you hear in the local music

kom til byen. Da jeg gerne ville se skibet og ikke mindst gamle venner fra Lesotho, var det ikke så svært at sige ja til det. Desuden er det jo altid hyggeligt at få kontakt til nye mennesker og fortælle om Lesotho og vores organisation.



Lørdag d. 2. juli skulle Anne og jeg have eftermiddagstjansen, men lige i de timer, vi var på, valgte Vorherre at åbne for vandhanerne. Regnen stod ned i stride strømme, og jeg ankom til en næsten mennesketom havn. Flygtningeskibet lå ved havnen og tog sig - trods det silende vejr - smukt og imponerende ud.

Der var en anden bod, der tappert forsøgte at holde fanen højt – Svendborgs Indiens-projekt, som forsøgte at sælge smukke håndlavede ting fra Indien, uden større held. Trods regnen var der ikke kedeligt på havnen. Dette skyldtes ikke mindst Den Alternative Musikskole i Svendborg, som underholdt i teltet, hvor også DLN holdt til. En gruppe fantastisk dygtige unge musikere underholdt på forskellige instrumenter og på et niveau, det lå et par grader over, hvad man ellers hører i de lokale musikskoler.



Da de var færdige med deres indslag,

schools.

When they finished, various local musicians happened to drop inside the tent to entertain on both violin and guitar, so the afternoon went really quickly, despite the pouring rain and the biting cold, and we were well entertained. But then we were also almost the only ones who were present. The majority was in fact at home in their warm living rooms. The India project closed their stall after a few hours and then we were alone with the crew of Anton and a few brave locals from Svendborg, who just popped into the shelter from the rain. All of them were presented with a DLN-brochure.

Anton's crew offered lunch, homemade rye bread with cheese in the galley, and it was an opportunity to come aboard and watch the beautiful figurines at close range.

All in all it was a nice day for us, but you can't fight the weather, and DLN's purpose of being there was probably washed away in rain and that Saturday afternoon's biting cold.



dumpede forskellige lokale spillemænd indenfor i teltet og underholdt både på violin og guitar, så eftermiddagen gik såmænd hurtigt trods den silende regn og bidende kulde og vi var godt underholdt. Men det var vi så også noget nær de eneste, der var. De fleste blev nemlig hjemme i deres varme stuer.



Indien-projektet lukkede deres bod efter et par timer og så var vi alene med besætningen på Anton og et par enkelte modige Svendborgensere, som lige kiggede ind i ly for regnen. Alle fik de en brochure med om DLN.

Besætningen på Anton bød på frokost, hjemmebagt rugbrød med ost i kabyssen og det blev en mulighed for at komme om bord og betragte de smukke figurer på nært hold. Alt i alt blev det en hyggelig dag for os, men vejret kan man ikke kæmpe imod og formålet med at være der for DLN blev nok vasket væk i regn og bidende kulde den lørdag eftermiddag.

Get Ready for the Lesotho trip October 2011!

By: Lisbet Kristensen

Finally, the last agreements on our trip to Lesotho have fallen into place.

Gør klar til Lesotho rejsen oktober 2011!

Af: Lisbet Kristensen

Så er de sidste aftaler vedrørende vores tur til Lesotho ved at falde på plads.

Vi rejser fra København d. 7. oktober sidst



We travel from Copenhagen on 7th October late afternoon and arrive the next morning in Johannesburg. Here we are picked up by a bus and drive to Maseru, where we expect to arrive early in the afternoon.

In the evening a dinner is arranged with papa, moroho and the like.

On our first full day in the country, we take a tour of Maseru, where we get some information about the situation in Lesotho right now. Then we meet with Ntate Shale from DPE, who will tell us about DLN's democratization project with animators in different villages.

Next day we take a trip to the Thaba-Bosiu, where you can choose to walk up on top and see the royal tombs or go on a visit to the new Cultural Village, which hopefully has opened at that time. We continue to Kome Caves near Sefikeng and then go back to Maseru.

So starts our tour of the country. It begins with a trip north to T.Y. where we will meet some weavers and have the opportunity to look at one of DLN's projects at Berea Agricultural Group. Then we head to Leribe, where we stay overnight at Aloe Guesthouse before we go out into the mountains to Ts'ehlanyana National Park where we overnight a few days - either in Motebong village or Maliba mountain lodge. From here we take on outings to Bokong Nature Reserve.

Next stop is the Katse Dam, where we will learn about the Lesotho Highlands Water Project. We shall see a botanical garden with native plants and take a cruise on the Katse Dam.

Then we move on to Thaba-Tseka and Ha Mohale Dam Marakabei before going to Ramabanta where we stay for two days. We have good connections in this place and could probably get permission to visit a school and an orphanage. You can also choose to take a trip to Semonkong with Maletsunyane Falls or go horseback riding in

på eftermiddagen og lander næste morgen i Johannesburg. Her bliver vi hentet af en bus og kører til Maseru, hvor vi forventer at ankomme tidligt på eftermiddagen.

Om aftenen er der arrangeret middag med papa, moroho og lignende.

På vores første hele dag i landet tager vi på en rundtur i Maseru, hvor vi får nogle oplysninger om hvordan situationen er i Lesotho lige nu og herefter mødes vi med Ntate Shale fra DPE som vil fortælle os om DLN's demokratiserings projekt med animatorer i forskellige landsbyer.

Næste dag tager vi en tur til Thaba-Bosiu, hvor man kan vælge at gå en tur op på toppen og se kongegravene eller tage på et besøg i den nye Cultural Village, som forhåbentlig er åbnet til den tid. Vi fortsætter til Kome Caves i nærheden af Sefikeng og tager derefter tilbage til Maseru.

Så begynder vores rundtur i landet. Den begynder med en tur nordpå til T.Y. hvor vi skal se på et par væverier og får mulighed for at se på et af DLN's projekter hos Berea Agricultural Group. Herefter går turen til Leribe, hvor vi overnatter på Aloe guesthouse inden vi tager ud i bjergene til Ts'ehlanyana National Park, hvor vi overnatter nogle dage – enten i Motebong village eller i Maliba mountainlodge. Herfra tager vi på udflugter til Bokong Nature Reserve mm.

Næste stop er Katse Dam, hvor vi skal høre noget om Lesotho Highlands Water Project. Her skal vi se en botanisk have med oprindelige planter og tager en sejltur på Katse Dam.

Så skal vi videre over Thaba-Tseka og Ha Marakabei til Mohale Dam inden vi kommer til Ramabanta, hvor vi bliver i 2 dage. Her har vi gode forbindelser og kan sandsynligvis få lov at besøge en skole og et børnehjem. Man kan også vælge at tage en tur videre til Semonkong med Maletsunyane Falls eller tage på ridetur i bjergene.

Turen slutter med 3 dage i Maseru uden




the mountains.

The tour ends with three days in Maseru without program - part of the participants here will take a trip into the country on their own.


program – en del af deltagerne vil her tage en tur ud i landet på egen hånd.

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Correction to the article PEOPLE WITHOUT CULTURE ARE PEOPLE WITHOUT IDENTITY in Lumela.dk issue 28: Mrs Pinkie Masita - Mohale did not write this article She edited it. The correct information is that the article is written by Mrs Moliehi Ntene (Director Culture a.i) edited by Mrs Pinkie Masita - Mohale (Information Officer).



News from Lesotho:

Bill signed on building of a hydropower station

By: Brindaveni Naidoo
11th August 2011

South Africa and Lesotho on Thursday signed an implementation agreement for the second phase of the R15-billion Lesotho Highlands Water Project (LHWP) and committed to building a hydropower station with an installed capacity of between 1 000 MW and 1 200 MW.

The hydropower plant would be operational in 2018, and would see some 200 MW supplied for Lesotho's power needs, with the remaining power transmitted to South Africa.

South African Water and Environmental Affairs Minister **Edna Molewa** told **Engineering News Online** that Cabinet had approved the project and that the two countries would now sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) under the auspices of South Africa's Department of Energy.

The Lesotho government also approved the project, and draft agreements were ready, Lesotho Natural Resources Minister **Monyane Moleleki** said in an interview in Maseru.

"The MoU to be signed between the two countries will not only focus on hydropower, but will see both countries look at projects on renewable energy, including solar and wind," he said.

Both Ministers remained confident that the skills needed for the second phase of the project were available.

"There is sufficient capacity between both countries, and where or if necessary we will deploy required skills. But it is key to remember that we have Eskom coming on board on this project, as well as the Lesotho power parastatal," Molewa explained.

The LHWP would strengthen regional integration by using water as a catalyst for socioeconomic development, as well as to advance economic links with key African partners.

"The nature of our cooperation is aimed at mutual development of our countries' water sectors as a foundation and a catalyst for modernised and integrated economies. It embodies the Nepad principles for development and Africa's renaissance to eradicate poverty and underdevelopment."

Phase two of the LHWP also comprises a water delivery system to augment the delivery of water to South Africa.

The system comprises the Polihali reservoir on the Senqu river, and a water conveyance tunnel connecting Polihali reservoir with the Katse reservoir. It would also see the development of key infrastructure including access roads to the project sites and camps, as well as power transmission lines and administrations centers, including social and environmental projects and programmes.



This phase would also include a pump storage scheme and associated transmission lines.

Edited by: **Mariaan Webb**

SA / Lesotho Comms Ministries co-operate

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South African Minister of Communications Roy Padayachie has signed a statement of cooperation with his Kingdom of Lesotho counterpart, Minister of Communications, Science and Technology, Mothejoa Metsing, in Pretoria. Minister Metsing is leading a delegation from his department on an official visit to South Africa.

The statement will serve as a vehicle to explore discussions and potential partnerships on mutually beneficial programmes for the two countries. It is envisaged that this will culminate in the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the two Ministries.

Some of the areas of potential cooperation identified by the two Ministers include digital migration, cyber security, home and away roaming, postal services and broadband.

Minister Metsing said the relationship between the two countries is a unique and important one, adding that South Africa was Lesotho's only neighbour.

"We have no choice but to work together in the best interests of the people of South and Africa and Lesotho. 4.5 million Basotho live in South Africa compared to the Kingdom's 1.9 million population," noted Minister Metsing.

He told the meeting that it is not justifiable that residents of the two countries pay a lot to communicate while the distance between Lesotho and South Africa was shorter than the distance between Johannesburg and Cape Town.

"This calls for intervention on ways of reducing the cost to communicate for the people of our countries," says Minister Metsing.

Minister Padayachie shared South Africa's digital migration roadmap with the Lesotho delegation and told them that South Africa was working round the clock to meet the December 2013 deadline. "We are working on achieving several milestones, the next big one being the public/commercial launch in April 2012."

He added that it was important for SADC countries to work together on issues of common interest so that they can derive more benefits for the region when bargaining in International Forums.

The two Ministers have agreed to work towards harmonising their respective department's policies to ensure that the people of the two countries benefit from the shared experiences.

The delegation from Lesotho received presentations on several projects that the Department of Communications is currently working on, including broadcast digital migration, telecommunications infrastructure and frequency spectrum, digital local content, among others.



They will also visit the heads of office of the South African Post Office, USAASA, SABC, Sentech, Telkom, Nemisa and ICASA during their stay in the country

What is Denmark Lesotho Network?

The NGO Denmark Lesotho Network (DLN) was founded in 2002 by former Danish development workers in Lesotho and other good friends of the tiny mountain kingdom in Southern Africa. DLN aims at supporting NGO's in Lesotho in their work to develop civil society. DLN uses its network of people and organisations in Lesotho to pinpoint beneficiaries of DLN's support – and to keep an eye on that funding is used according to agreements made. DLN wishes to enhance knowledge of the living conditions in Lesotho and to seek funding from foundations, business enterprises and organisations for actual projects in Lesotho.

Membership of DLN

Anyone, who can support the aims of DLN, can achieve a membership. Members contribute to support initiatives in Lesotho that develop and better living conditions in the country. Members will receive an electronic newsletter four times a year and be invited to DLN's annual general assembly. The cost of a membership is 100 Danish kroner yearly. For membership contact cashier Karen Steffensen, tel.: +45 98677185, cell: +45 23880099, e-mail: karen.steffensen@mail.dk

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