

## Invitation to the 2<sup>nd</sup> symposium on Storytelling and Collaborative Future Making – Malmö University, 2-4 May 2023

The Leadership and Organization Group and the platform of Collaborative Future Making hereby invite for the 2<sup>nd</sup> symposium at Malmö University on the theme of storytelling and collaborative future making. The symposium will take place 2-4 May 2023. We invite a varied group of scholars from disciplines like design studies, leadership and organization studies, communication, art, architecture, education and urban planning.

The theme Storytelling and Collaborative Future Making addresses collaborative responses to making a sustainable and common future within diverse areas mentioned above. A common thread in the symposium is to explore the role that storytelling can have in crafting ethical foundations for work, organization, design, architecture, education and urban development. Storytelling and collaboration for earthly survival mix with questions concerning how to collaborate and organize for human rights. While the 17 SDGs have been successful in mobilizing attention to questions concerning sustainability and inclusion, the embedded idea of balancing profit, people, and planet in actual strategies and practices seem to be off-track in practicing sustainable and inclusive development. Sustainability and inclusion are more and more at risk of becoming empty signifiers. Therefore, this symposium presents new ideas, concepts and approaches that allows for new understanding of how to work with all aspects of sustainability.

The symposium explores new ideas and approaches that mix storytelling and collaboration with questions concerning human rights and our relations to nature. These approaches might range from new embodied, relational, and material understandings of storytelling, the problematic and complex relations between small stories and grand narratives, the relations between places, spaces, and stories, post-human, transhuman and Gaia storytelling, feminist, transgender, or queer storytelling. We also invite contributions of how to research and write differently in ways in which we take upon us our earthly responsibility. Such contributions may be inspired by engaged scholarship, reflexive inquiry, post-qualitative inquiry, or speculative fabulation. Finally, we also invite new approaches to understand the details how we work and collaborate and how they mix with issues concerning human rights and nature. These might comprise ideas from performative approaches to accounting, logistics, learning, collaboration, and planning.

If you want to join us, please submit an abstract of app. **500 words** by **5 April 2023**. This year we will also collect contributions for an edited book on storytelling and collaborative future making. It is possible to only attend only parts of the events. If this is the case, we would like you to provide information about when you are attending. The event is free of charge. We don't offer any accommodation, lunch, or dinner. We will make space for social arrangements in Malmö and organize a joint meeting place for dinner for those who are interested. Please send any queries to Kenneth, Hope or Per-Anders using the following emails.

The symposium will take place at **Media Evolution City**, Stora Varsgatan 6a, 211 10 Malmö.

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