

MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN FORUM

Saturday 29th July 2017

AGENDA

09.00 Welcome and introductions: Kathrin Hodgson.

European Forum Committee 2016—2018

Estonia	**Lillia Oberg	Finland	Iida Hyvönen
Germany	Daniela von Essen	Great Britain	Kathrin Hodgson (Chair)
Iceland	Kristín Jónsdóttir	Norway	Anne Marie Solstad (Treas)
Sweden	Ann-Katrin Swärd	The Netherlands	Ria Logtenberg (Treasurer)

** Second biennium.

European Regional Director (ex officio) Bjørg Nakling.

Reporter: Diana Bell (GB) and Iida Hyvönen (Finland).

Timekeepers: Unity Harvey (GB) and Lavinia Soul (GB).

Attendance sheets: Ann-Katrin Swärd (Sweden).

Words of Inspiration: Barbara Carlsen (Norway).

09.10 Business meeting.

♦ In Memoriam: Led by Marianne Skardéus.	4 min
♦ Minutes of Nashville 2016: pages 4—5.	3 min
♦ Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda	3 min
♦ Financial Review, page 6.	3 min
♦ EF Operational Guidelines, update: pages 7—9.	3 min
♦ Strategic Action Plan, update: pages 10—11.	3 min
♦ European Website: report from Eygló Björnsdóttir (Iceland) Webmaster.	4 min
♦ EuForia: report from Riet Smits (the Netherlands) Editor.	4 min
♦ Young Members in Europe.	8 min
♦ Proposals.	4 min
♦ Any other business.	10 min

Proposal:

The Forum Committee proposes an amendment to the Forum Guidelines:

Each forum committee representative should serve for the period of two biennia. The chair should change each biennium.

Criteria: Currently, continuity is difficult as all members leave at the same time, unless a country chooses to keep the same representative.

The European Achievement Award. Presented by Iida Hyvönen (Finland).

Close of business meeting.

10:10 Keynote Speakers: Monika Huber and Gudrun Nylander are DKG members from Germany and Sweden.

Monika will speak about her Tandem project that began in 2013; its aim is to place migrant children in German host families once a week, helping them to adjust to a new life. In 2015 she extended her voluntary work to assist refugees in different fields to settle into German society.

Gudrun teaches Swedish as a second language to newly-arrived immigrants, working as a teacher of adults, organised by the Communities, and has to follow a national curriculum.

10:50 Questions and thanks: Daniela von Essen.

11:00 Close of meeting.



Björg, Kristín, Anne Marie, Liilia, Daniela, Iida, Ann-Katrin, Ria. Photo by Kathy