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ABOUT THE NECESSITY OF CULTURE:

SHIFTING CULTURES

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- Production and Resource Center since 1996. A hub for local, regional and international cultural action. **Organises** seminars and workshops. **Creates** co-productions. **Arranges** guest performances from abroad. **Develops** new audiences. **Advocates** progressive cultural policy.
- Since 2008, a national mission as **The European Resource Center for Culture** and a European Union mission as **Europe Direct** office in Sweden.

The Function of Migration

- to challenge our fixed patterns
 - to update our self-image
- to bring our fears to the surface

FEAR

Interculture

=

Mutual Transformation

INTER // LOCAL

Natural Identities.

Imposed Identities.

Imagined Identities.

Multiple Identities.

[Ongoing negotiation]

Culture & Democracy

CITIZEN // VISITOR

WHERE ARE WE TODAY?

**CAN WE IDENTIFY
CHALLENGES?**

**DO WE SEE
THREATS?**

”Re-creating the circle ...”

interculture

=

interdisciplinary

interactive

intersectoral



CORNERS

turning europe inside out
2011 - 2018



Tskaltubo, Georgia

– a home since 20 years for refugees from Abkhazia

CORNERS Xpedition Caucasus - october 2011



Yoghurt Cultures



CORNERS Xpedition North
Västerbotten, Sweden august 2012

Central Question 1

What **PLACES** are needed?

- cultural centres
- public spaces
- digital arenas
- schools and workplaces

Central Question 2

What **COMPETENCE** is needed?

- training
- study travel
- practical experience
- social skills
- empathy



SEAS Xpedition – Hopa, Turkey, September 2010

Environmental change

(technology, sustainability)

Reduced democratic participation

(apathy)

Increased fear of immigration

(islamophobia, cultural introversion)

Shift of economic power

(globalization)

What is an appropriate cultural response?



developing intercultural competence

**”Cultures do not dialogue
with each other.**

**They compete, clash, fight, interact
and mutually influence each other.”**

Dr. Dragan Klaic (1951-2011)





International Outreach

Intercultural Insight