

Västra Götaland Region Culture Board

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| Culture Secretariat | |
| Reference | Date |
| Mrs. Anneli Skarp Hjälmen | 2009-08-18 |
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| Lars Nordström (FP) Conny Brännberg (KD) Johnny Nilsson (S) Kristian Berg Culture chef Hardi Kurda IKAN Chairman | |
| Time: | Tuesday, August 18th, tiny CN Bureau at 9.00-9.30 |
| Location: | Billströmska high school, Tjörn |

MEETING REFERENCES:

International Kurdish Artist Network IKAN presented briefly on the possibility of cooperation between the Nordic Countries - Scandinavia, and Kurdistan – Northern Iraq.

To day's culture life and circumstances in Kurdistan is open and friendly. According to IKAN, the Nordic guests who visited the region recently have reported that they have felt safe, interested, and respectably addressed. And Kurdistan has under the KRG has a very high level of autonomy and advanced remarkably the last few years.

IKAN, in collaboration with the Culture Minister of the Kurdistan region found a great need for international attention and cooperation for the advancement of knowledge, because it lacks essential cultural establishments among others, music colleges, and Theater University, not least skills to operate such establishments on an advanced level. Qualified and skillful musicians have no or very little opportunity to practice their profession the way it should to prosper.

Culture Ministry in Kurdistan wishes to establish such cooperation between cultural institutions and Arts Committees, for developing a much greater international exchange especially, cooperation and cultural exchanges with the Västra Götaland Culture aboard. Various levels of cooperation were discussed between the two regions Västra Götaland and Kurdistan region where cooperation's usually takes place.

Västra Götaland Culture Aboard grateful for the information.

*Västra Götaland Region / Culture Secretariat
Mrs. Anneli Skarp Hjälmen / Secretary*

MINISTRY OF CULTURE



General Directorate of culture and Art
in Sulaimany

Date 21 / April /2009

**To : The official establishment of Artistic
and Cultural Foundation in Sweden Country**

After our discussion with IKAN organization for connection between the Kurdish and the International Artists in Sweden Country.

The Directorate of Culture and Art in Sulaimany glad to make a relationship between the Ministry of Culture in Kurdistan, the Ministry of Culture and all the Artistic and Cultural Foundation in Sweden Country. For introducing the Artists between this two communities.

The Directorate General of Culture and Art in Sulaimany is responsible to develop Art in Kurdistan. So, we are in need to take the Artistic cooperation from all the Cultural and Artistic Foundation in Sweden Country.

After your agreement on this valuable project, we would be glad to invite you to Kurdistan or you invite us to Sweden country for talking too much about this project. Thanks for your cooperation.

Best Regards

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