Mobile phone: the gateway to humanity

Do you have images on your mobile from your life prior to coming to Sweden, from your country of origin, or whichever place you called home before?

Images of good times or the humdrum? Images from work? Images of your nearest and dearest? Do you have images of your journey to Sweden? When you arrived in Sweden, did you take pictures of anything you found especially interesting or meaningful?

One is simply not just a refugee or an asylum seeker. We wish to present the people who arrive here to the people who already live in Sweden. The more we get to know each other, the better!

We are collecting images from mobile phones. We also wish to know the subject matter of the images. Images and stories that will be used for a minor and a major exhibition, a book and a slideshow. The images will also be preserved in a museum as a memento to this period in time. You can participate anonymously, and you can decide how the material is used, and whether or not it should be preserved for the future.

Within a few months of documenting where you live, we will host a small exhibition presenting the images and stories. From the beginning of June 2017, a major exhibition will tour Sweden. The exhibition will be shown at the eight participating museums, among others.

Obviously, all contributors will be invited to the exhibitions.

The following museums will host the major exhibition: Malmö museer (Malmö), Kalmar läns museum (Kalmar), Kulturparken Småland (Växjö), Jönköpings läns museum (Jönköping), Gotlands museum (Visby), Arbetets museum (Norrköping), Örebro läns museum (Örebro) and Upplandsmuseet (Uppsala).

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