

## På Kloss Hold 2017

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PKH Participants

In April AFOL's from Kockice joined up with more than 70 AFOLs from seven countries for a touch of Norwegian mystique – Brikkelauget's annual event! With more than 1200 events that LUGs organize around the world, we have chosen to visit Trondheim, which is quite high up in the north of Norway, to experience the Norwegian spring. Boy, were we surprised, along with a few Portuguese AFOLs from Comunidade 0937! It seems that spring comes a bit later in Trondheim. Well, it could only get better. And it did!

'På Kloss Hold' was hosted in Charlottenlund High School in Trondheim for the fifth time and the second time in a row. Looking back in history, the first event held at Charlottenlund high school, in 2012, gathered 16 Brikkelauget members and used only a small portion of the premises. The event lasted two days but was only open to the general public for one. The event attracted a little over 400 people in the few hours it was open. It seemed like a good starting point. What has happened in the last few years is that the people of Trondheim have realized what a great event 'På Kloss Hold' is. So the one that we visited this year had a few improvements compared to the 2012 event. It rose to more than 70 AFOLs and guests from Germany, the Netherlands, Denmark, Portugal, Belgium and Croatia, and it covered more than 1000 m<sup>2</sup>. For the first time the event had two days for the general public, making it more challenging for the organizers and participants to put everything up. Well, it wasn't easy going but we all chipped in and it was ready in time for the opening. The event was visited by more than 5000 people over the two days of public access! Some serious numbers, despite the weather, and a great way to show how the local community can reward your efforts and progress through the years.

The venue was divided into three sections and a variety of themes were represented. The usual City theme is always one of the most beloved by the audience, with trains and lots of things going on just as in real city life. Two big Space dioramas stood out in the entrance section, and between them, you could enjoy some historical LEGO® sets. There was also a chance to see some amazing architecture style MOCs. This year, as a tribute to LEGO® Technic, there was a large display of advanced Technic models that showed the development from the first sets, which are nearly 40 years old, up to the models that can be bought in





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today. Among other interesting areas, one of the most popular for the children was the huge DUPLO playroom. An interesting request for participants at the event was to contribute an 18x16 module, which were all connected to form a very vivid and imaginative display. This year's theme was 'By the river' so everybody created their own vision of riverside fun.

In the off hours of the event we had a chance to enjoy an elaborate workshop with Maico Arts about GBC (Great Ball Contraption) building. His GBC display was also chosen as the most impressive part of the event, with balls going through hundreds of connected modules. We had a chance to hear first-hand experience of how to become a LEGO® designer and how it feels to be one, shared by Markus Rollbühler. With the public choosing the best overall display, participants also had a chance to choose the best displays in several categories. One of the highlights of the event was the Saturday dinner for all participants. While enjoying our meals, we shared experiences from our own events and activities that we organize. Also there was an interesting LEGO® quiz that got us all involved. Of course we were not allowed to use the Internet nor any gadgets to find the answers. During the evening, the organizers awarded the best displays chosen by the participants. The evening ended with an auction. The variety of LEGO® on offer was impressive and the auction was a success. Sunday afternoon was reserved for sightseeing, which was also an upgrade from the previous years. It's nice to see some of the local tourist attractions when travelling, especially when exhibitors don't have to stand by their displays. There was much more time to browse around the event halls and talk to fellow AFOLs or to go sightseeing.

What improvements are we looking forward to seeing next year? The organizers promised us better weather! So we'll have to go back to see how that turns out.

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