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The **World Energy Cities Partnership** is an international, city-led organization headquartered in Houston, Texas, comprised of some of the world's leading Energy cities, including:

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WECP goals are to collaborate on opportunities for economic growth, best practices and to ensure city-to-city learning.



[Download the Rørpost Art Exhibition Catalogue \(PDF\)](#)

Rørpost Art Collaboration Project expands to Halifax

HALIFAX

In October, 2017, business leaders and delegates from energy cities around the world celebrated an art collaboration between Halifax, Canada and Esbjerg, Denmark at the Rørpost Art Exhibition at the [Discovery Centre](#).

The Importance of STEAM

Where you would normally see interactive displays, there were 48 collaborative pieces and 48 individual pieces showcased around the room. Located on the Halifax Waterfront, the Discovery Centre works to show Nova Scotians STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) through fun interactive learning experiences. Growing Nova Scotia's knowledge-based economy and engaging the community through STEAM is a vision true to the Discovery Centre.

A Collaboration of Cities

As part of the WECP's Annual General Meeting, Canadian and Danish artists partnered together under the WECP initiative, Rørpost. This allowed international artists in WECP member cities to collaborate on creative art experiences and bring a different viewpoint on freedom of expression. This opportunity allowed members to put a local spin on an international piece of art. Both cities can agree that collaborating globally in the art world changes the way you think.

"What interested me about the project was the collaborative idea. When you're working on your own piece, even though you're creating something new, you are still limited to your own skills, abilities, and perspectives," says Cathy McKelvey, an artist from Halifax who co-led the project.

The Rørpost Initiative

As Halifax Mayor, Mike Savage, and Esbjerg Mayor, Johnny Søtrup, kicked-off the event, they explained how each artist started their work. Beginning with a creative canvas, artists then sent their piece across the Atlantic to be finished by their partner. Finally, the work made a return trip back to its original creator. Each artist created a new response in a medium of their choice, resulting in nearly 100 pieces of art.

"Our art collaboration is an exploration, where inspiration comes from making our art in a different way and exchanging the art pieces between us. It is a lovely sort of communication," describes Lene Vilslev, artist from Esbjerg, who partnered with Halifax artist, Lynn Rotin.

Go to <http://www.artcollaboration.org/> to learn more about the collaborations.



WECP delegates and business leaders admiring the collaborative art pieces.