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INVITATION

Second network meeting Immigrant integration to rural areas

19-20 September 2017

at Varbergs stadshotell in Varberg, Sweden

Key topics: How can the public, private and non-profit sectors work to integrate newcomers to the labour market?

Hosts are *Community-led local development Halland* and *Integration Halland*. We invite participants who work with integration or labour market efforts, at strategic or operational level.

Welcome to two days of interesting excursions to various projects and activities, inspiring and useful lectures and workshops, and further international networking and cooperation!

See you in Varberg in September!



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Programme

19 September

8.30	Welcome	Introduction to the conference
9.15-10.15	Setting the scene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The refugee situation in a global perspective.</i> Lecture and discussions with Olof Gränström and Mikael Arevius from Gapminder
10.45-12.00	Lectures with discussions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Why do non-profit organisations involve in integration?</i> With Josefin Heed from the European Rural Parliament 2017 and Hela Sverige ska leva, the Swedish village action movement <i>How can we introduce new comers to the labourmarket and include work with equality?</i> With John Wilhelmson and Engella Ameri from Halmstad activity within Integration Halland
12.00	LUNCH	
13-18.15	Excursions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Private and non-profit initiatives in Hylte Integration of the young Hylte municipality Varberg municipality and business
19.00	WELCOME DINNER	At the hotel restaurant. Dress in cocktail attire!

20 September

8.30	Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experiences from the excursions yesterday The open space method
9.00	Open space workshops	<p>Discussion with local experts around Europe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form a specific question/theme about your own local/regional work where you would like input from colleagues around Europe. Inspirational questions: What do I need to build stronger integration/inclusion of newcomers locally? What bridges need to be built, what kind of tools used/developed? Where can we collaborate regionally and internationally?
12.00	LUNCH	
13.00	Workshops continue	
16.00	Closing session and next steps	With Integration Halland and Lokalt ledd utveckling Halland (Community-Led Local Development Halland)
18.00	OUTDOOR DINNER	Somewhere in Halland along with entertainment and activities. Dress for outdoor activity!

Excursions

19 September

We offer four excursion options at the network meeting. Below each one is described briefly. Please pick the one you would like to participate in when you register for the meeting.

1 – Hylte private and non-profit activities

Hylte municipality has had the largest share of new arrivals in Halland in recent years. Many non-profit and private actors have done great work to welcome new residents into the community.

We visit *Svenska Kyrkan* (the church of Sweden) where we learn about experiences from how the church in Hylte has worked with integration in various ways, such as a language café, second hand shop, and gardening together.

Then we visit *TeamWeDream*. Through exercising, running and other activities they create a meeting place and integration arena for everyone involved (young people, elderly, Swedish, foreign, marathon runners, people with disabilities, women, men...)

The organizations will also talk about what have been their main successes and lessons learned during the last years of working hands-on with making Hylte a better place to live.

2 – Integration of the young

In Halland there are several projects that put extra effort into the integration of young people. In these contexts natural integration takes place through activities where people are welcome regardless of gender, origin, belief or other grounds of discrimination.

We visit *Studieförbundet Vuxenskolan*, a Swedish organization for adult education. They work with integration through study circles for young people, often based on dance and music.

After that, Lokalt ledd utveckling Halland will present their initiative *Ung i Halland* (Young in Halland), through which young people in the region get funding for their ideas and get to develop their own projects and meeting places.

The organizations will also talk about what makes working with youth so special and how integration is important in that and how they tackle it.

3 – Hylte municipality

We visit *En väg in* (One way in) in Hyltebruk, an initiative from Hylte municipality. When newcomers have been granted their residence permit in Sweden, the Swedish Migration Board refers the newcomers to a number of authorities.

At *En väg in*, you will find staff from Hylte municipality, Employment Service, Tax Agency and Integration Halland altogether. In the future, more authorities may also be present here, gathered under the same roof to facilitate the interaction between actors and increase the accessibility for the individuals.

We also visit *MP-huset*, where the municipality offers activities that are based on strengthening and piloting the individual in the journey from unemployment to employment. Here you will find a second hand shop, workshop and one of the activities in the ESF project Integration Halland called *Min väg till arbete* (My Way to Work). It is a study and career guidance activity for newcomers where they get support and counselling on their own individual path towards the labour market.

4 – Varberg municipality and business

We visit Varberg's activity within Integration Halland, *Arbetsplatskultur* (Workplace culture) at *Arbetscentrum* (Work centre) in Varberg. In this course, the participants learn about Swedish laws and regulations of labour as well as values and social codes through lectures, dialogue and reflection.

Arbetscentrum provides vocational rehabilitation, daily activities and internships for those who have a disability or are unemployed and need support and help to get into the labor market. On this excursion you will also get the

chance to hear about the other activities at Arbetscentrum and listen to experiences from Supported Employment, a method to develop internships, support interns and employers and solve frictions that may arise during an internship.

We will also listen to a corporate network called *Open Companies*, for companies in Varberg who support open values on the base of creativity and increased profitability. About 70 companies have joined the network since its startup in 2016, and the network is actively working to reach 100 companies before the turn of this year. An exciting work by and for business in Varberg, supported by Varberg municipality.

Practicalities

Accommodation

Varberg is in northern Halland, Sweden, by the sea Kattegatt. It is known for its fortress, its sandy beaches and its long history as a spa and health resort site.

Our network meeting will be held in the city centre, at [Varberg stadshotell & Asia spa](#).

The conference is free, and when booking through your LAG, the accommodation is free. If you do not belong to a Leader area you will be responsible for the cost of accommodation yourself.

Travelling to Varberg

Plane: Gothenburg Landvetter airport (93 km from Varberg), Copenhagen Kastrup airport (240 km from Varberg).

Train: [Trains](#) from Gothenburg and Malmö/Copenhagen to Varberg train station, 5 minute walk from the hotel.

Car: Varbergs stadshotell & Asia spa, Kungsgatan 24-26, 432 41 Varberg.

Registration

Contact your local LAG to register for the network meeting. When signing up, please choose one of the four excursion options for 19 September and attach a photo of yourself.

If you do not belong to a Leader area, please use this [form](#) to sign up.

Since we have a limited number of participants, not everyone who is interested will be able to participate. In August you will get a confirmation e-mail to clarify if your attendance has been accepted.

Last day for registration is 20 August.

If you have any questions about the registration, contact Elinor Forsberg at elinor.forsberg@lluh.se.