

INVITATION TO WORKSHOP ON SOCIAL COHESION

Would you like to be involved from the beginning? We are pleased to invite you to the second of three themes to be studied within the framework of Botkyrka's feasibility study concerning the establishment of Northern Europe's first local Unesco Centre.

Time: March 28, 2012 at 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon

Place: The Multicultural Centre in Fittja

Theme No 2: Social cohesion in a diverse population – In contrast to social distance between different groups, between municipal districts, between municipalities/cities.

The workshop will be based on three short presentations on social cohesion, that will give us the

1. The Unesco framework
2. Specific examples
3. Research in the field

After the three presentations follows a discussion. The questions we begin to explore at the workshop are:

- *What specific work needs to be developed to break the social distance and preconceptions about "the others" between individuals and groups, in order to create social cohesion beyond this locked conceptions?*
- *How can we jointly and individually contribute to creating social cohesion in an ethnically diverse*

population at local, regional and national level?

- How can we work together and each individually as part of a local UNESCO?

The spring workshop series

– feasibility study for a local Unesco Centre

We have identified three fields where we, from a Botkyrka perspective, see that there lacks sufficient knowledge and understanding at all levels in the Swedish society – at the local, regional and national levels.

The three fields which we have identified are:

1. Interreligious dialogue
(22 February, 06.00 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.)
2. Social cohesion in a multiethnic environment
(28 March, 09.00 am – 12.00 noon)
3. National identity – Place identity
(19 April, 09.00 am – 12.00 noon)

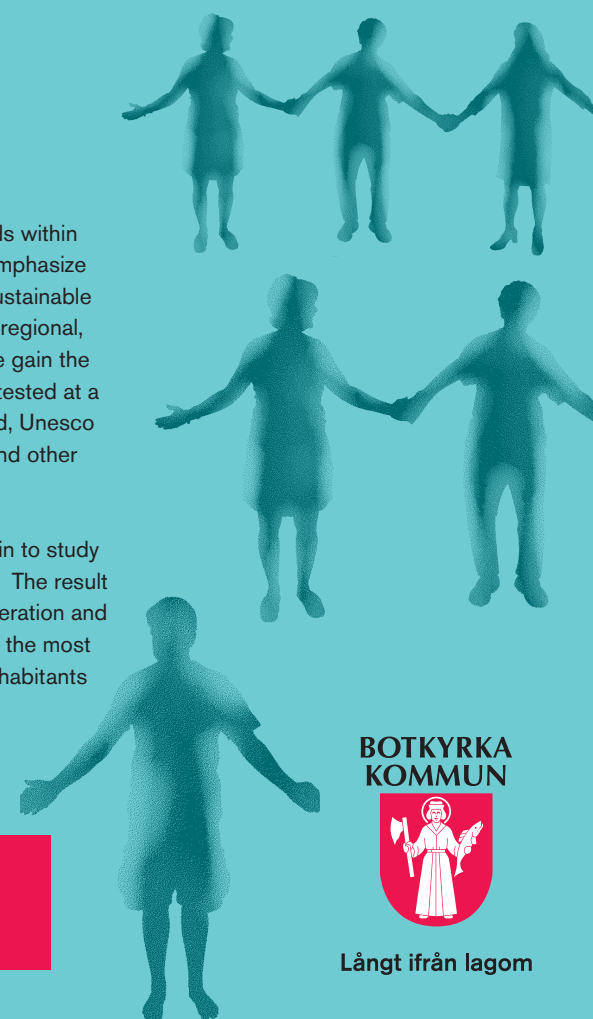
The basis for the establishment of a local Unesco Centre is the conviction that we can find sustainable solutions to complex challenges in society only when theoretical knowledge meets the inhabitants' own knowledge about daily living with these challenges.

By gathering both these knowledge fields within the framework of UN and Unesco, we emphasize the importance of solutions which are sustainable not only at the local level but also at the regional, national, European and global levels. We gain the opportunity of having our efforts quality-tested at a global level and, when they are accepted, Unesco will spread them further to other cities and other countries.

During the spring of 2012, we shall begin to study these three questions in workshop form. The result will be an introduction to a deeper cooperation and partnership so that we together can find the most constructive ways for Sweden and its inhabitants today and in the future.

Welcome!

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