



**Partner Search: Erasmus+ Key Action 1 - Exchange of experience on common platforms for training, lifelong learning and employment in segregated areas**

**Applicant: Development Gothenburg North East, City of Gothenburg**

<i>Organisation:</i>	<p>Development Gothenburg North East</p> <p>Development Gothenburg North East is a public company owned by the City of Gothenburg. Its mission is to promote urban sustainable development in the northeastern neighborhoods of Gothenburg by increasing the attractiveness and growth through the development of entrepreneurship, culture and creative industries, green businesses and urban-rural environment. The organization is contributing to integration and cohesion in the city and region.</p> <p>Between 2011 and 2014, the company ran Sweden's largest urban development project financed by the ERDF with the goal to work with sustainable urban development in the North East of Gothenburg. The project focused on the following four themes: business, culture, urban environment, vision and communication, and was a joint venture between the Angered and East Gothenburg City District Administrations, Business Region Gothenburg, the Supply of Premises Administration and the Traffic and Public Transport Authority. The project was realized by the people who live, work and visit the North East.</p> <p>The North East of Gothenburg includes the two city-districts of East Gothenburg and Angered — an area with 90 000 inhabitants originating from more than a hundred different countries, giving the area an international character. Compared to Gothenburg as a whole, the inhabitants are younger and income and education levels are lower. Many of the residential buildings in the area were built during the "Million program" period (1965-1974) when the Swedish government built one million homes during 10 years due to the rapid increase of the population.</p>
<i>Title of proposed project</i>	<b>Exchange of experience on common platforms for training, lifelong learning and employment in segregated areas</b>
<i>Funding programme</i>	Erasmus+ Key Action 1 Mobility Adult education
<i>Deadlines: Call and EoI</i>	Deadline 4th March 2015
<i>Description of project idea incl. theme and activities</i>	Development Gothenburg North East is looking for European partners interested in participating in a transnational mobility project within the frame of the <b>Erasmus+ programme, Key Action 1</b> . Development North East is searching for organizations willing to be the host organization during staff training activities/job shadowing for staff working in the adult education field. The project foresees exchange of experience between adult education staff in the North East of Gothenburg and other European countries. In total, 10-15 persons would be involved in the job shadowing activities, which would last for maximum 5 days during 2015.

### **Background**

There are 8.000 residents living in the district of Hammarkullen in the North East of Gothenburg. 84 nationalities are represented and 115 different languages. Hammarkullen has many strengths. Many residents are engaged in their neighbourhood through different associations and it is a vibrant community with a lot of cultural activities, among others the Hammarkullen Carneval, which is the largest one in northern Europe.

Meanwhile, unemployment is higher and education and income levels are lower than in Gothenburg as a whole. The last 25 years of development has stratified and divided the city's residents in a way that becomes a threat to social cohesion. The people in the city live in different worlds without any real contact, which not only produces alienation and fear. The socio economic, as well as the ethnic dimension of inequality, also leads to frustration and increased social tensions.

### **The Learning Square in Hammarkullen**

At the address Hammarkulletorget 62B, there are today a number of educational institutions localised. **The Community Center Hammarkullen, the Folk High School in Angered, the Library and the Citizens' Advice Bureau** which are operated by the **City District of Angered**, as well as the **Centre for Urban Studies in Hammarkullen**, which is a joint venture between **University of Gothenburg** and **Chalmers University of Technology**. Hammarkulletorget 62B is owned and managed by GöteborgsLokaler, which also is one of the partners. These organizations\* together represent the concept Lärandedets torg (meaning Learning Square).

The Learning Square builds its vision on existing operations. The organizations respective activities, individually and collectively, strongly contribute to integration in the area through its proactive outreach and community involvement. Today, they mainly cooperate around public seminars on local and global development and widening participation and college preparatory courses, but there is a strong common wish to develop a closer cooperation, and also include other actors such as employment offices, high schools and those who work with employability and lifelong learning. Lifelong learning is more than upskilling and schooling; it is about "purpose" in people's learning and its goals are both social and economic – citizenship and employability.

The actors wish to provide a common platform for training and education in a segregated area. By highlighting knowledge – informal as well as formal, and creating spin-off effects that can attract other educational and cultural actors as well as business to establish in Hammarkullen, it will contribute to social cohesion and integration.

The strategic cooperation that will be developed between the participating actors, will lead to more training and education offerings as well as increased quality of higher education. A future, more strategic cooperation will also make lifelong learning more accessible for men and women who live in Hammarkullen and Angered. Thereby, Learning Square will also highlight opportunities for further studies and to broaden student recruitment to college and university and thereby encourage students from socially and ethnically underrepresented groups to apply for college.

However, to be able to reach the vision of Learning Square Hammarkullen, input and

	<p>knowledge from other European countries is sought. Therefore, the main objectives of an EU-funded project would be to exchange ideas and experience on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• how others have developed a structured cooperation between different educational sectors, employment offices and the surrounding community</li> <li>• how to highlight knowledge – informal as well as formal – as the engine of sustainable urban development</li> <li>• how to work better on widening participation and student recruitment to college and university in segregated areas</li> <li>• how to offer more training and education as well as increased quality of higher education, adult education, vocational education as well as cultural events in segregated areas</li> <li>• how to engage the local community and associations in this work</li> </ul> <p>At a first stage, Development Gothenburg North East will, on the behalf of the actors in the Learning Square Hammarkullen, apply for a project proposal within Erasmus+ KA 1 – Mobility, where a possible consortia application could be developed. Development Gothenburg North East is searching for project partners all over Europe, that have already, or are interested in developing common platforms/structured cooperation for training, lifelong learning and employment in segregated areas. The cooperation would preferably include different actors in education (school education, adult education, VET and HEI) and employment offices or similar.</p> <p>If you find this proposal interesting, please do not hesitate to make contact for further details at latest the 16<sup>th</sup> November 2014.</p>
<i>Partner consortium (so far)</i>	<p>Partners from North East of Gothenburg: the Community Center Hammarkullen, the Folk High School in Angered, the Library and Citizens' Advice Bureau operated by the City District of Angered, as well as the Centre for Urban Studies in Hammarkullen, which is a joint venture between University of Gothenburg and Chalmers University of Technology.</p> <p>No transnational partners yet.</p>
<i>Further partners being sought: What type of partner, which roles in the project?</i>	<p>Development Gothenburg North East is searching for project partners all over Europe, that have already or are interested in developing common platforms/structured cooperation for training, lifelong learning, culture and employment in segregated areas. The cooperation should include different actors in education (school education, adult education, VET and HEI) and from employment offices or similar.</p>
<i>What are the financial conditions of participation?</i>	<p>The budget in Erasmus+ Key Action 1 Mobility will be financed by lump sums, which will cover travel and accommodation costs for the sending organisations.</p>
<i>Foreseen project duration</i>	<p>1 year</p>
<i>Other information</i>	<p>At this stage, the mobility project is one-way, and will not include travel/visit to Gothenburg. However, the actors in the Learning Square Hammarkullen are of course willing to be host organisation if a project partner wish to visit Gothenburg and Hammarkullen and finance the visit with own resources.</p> <p>In 2015, Development Gothenburg North East will also apply for a project proposal within the European Social Fund (same focus), and we are very interested in</p>

cooperating with the partners from the Erasmus+ project also within a future ESF project.

\*Information about the actors in the Learning Square Hammarkullen

#### **The Library in Hammarkullen**

In collaboration with the Adult Education Department, the library carries out projects to support Adult Learning, by offering learning space and computers for adults who have plans to study, already are mature students or for those who want to study on their own. The library also plays an important role in bridging the distance between people as it is one of the few public spaces in the community where people from different backgrounds can come together in a natural way.

#### **The Citizens Advice Bureau**

The Citizens Advice Bureau is an important meeting place for many of the residents of the Hammarkullen district with approximate 50.000 visits per year. At the bureau, the residents can get information about the different activities in the district, and the staff provides personal guidance on various social issues such as information about pre-schools, schools, elderly care, consumer issues, housing issues, etc.

#### **The Community Centre in Hammarkullen**

The Community Centre in Hammarkullen has 80.000 visits per year, where most people participate during meetings, conferences, workshops, trainings, cultural events, etc. The large assembly hall is a physical place that creates conditions for cross cultural and cross sectoral cooperation as an important part of the democratic process. The Community Centre seeks to remove visible and invisible barriers for people in Hammarkullen to participate in the community, lifelong learning and cultural life by working proactively to try to meet the needs and desires of the residents.

#### **The Folk High School in Angered**

The Folk High School in Angered offers adults 18 years and older a chance to get the sufficient skills needed to pass compulsory school and secondary school to be able to apply for university education, vocational education or apply for a job. All folk high schools give this general course, which is suitable for those who have not completed their secondary education or for those who want to go on to further education. On a general course you can catch up to a secondary and upper-secondary school level of knowledge and qualify for higher education. The course content covers broad spectra of subjects, with social studies, language and science as the main fields. In addition to the general subjects, the student may also choose an optional special course such as computing, music, language, arts & crafts, etc. The Folk High School also offers the possibility to study SFI (Swedish for Immigrants).

#### **The Centre for Urban Studies (CUS)**

The Centre for urban Studies is a joint research centre of the University of Gothenburg and Chalmers University of Technology based in Hammarkullen. The university and Chalmers carry out courses at CUS – both in social work, teacher education, architecture studies, etc. CUS has the opportunity both to learn and teach in the contacts with the residents. Through an established partnership, CUS meets students at the Folk High School and elementary school/high school, which is a part of their mission with broadened student recruitment to higher education by encouraging students from socially and ethnically underrepresented groups to apply

	for college. CUS is also involved in a homework project to support children and young people to achieve better grades.
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