



Invitation to Linköping University, Campus Norrköping,

International week 15th - 19th of March

2010

Last year we arranged an international week with lectures and workshops in Norrköping Sweden. We enjoyed having you here and we invite you to come to Norrköping also in 2010 and take part in the programme for this week. This year we would like to have a kind of “Swedish smörgåsbord” which means that we are open to try to arrange different contents according to your proposals. It could be different Aesthetic expressions including story-telling, Outdoor environment, Multi-ethnic education or other didactic issues. Depending on what you would like to concentrate on we will also try to find out pre-schools or schools in Norrköping, which you can visit and see what Swedish pre-schools and schools are like.

Linköping/Norrköping is situated in the middle between Stockholm and Gothenburg. With an X2000 train it will take ca 3 hours from Malmö/Copenhagen to Norrköping. The easiest way to get to Norrköping is to use the Ryanair planes. There is a Ryanair airport not far from Norrköping. You can also fly to Stockholm or Copenhagen and take a train from either of these airports but it will be more expensive and take longer time.

Linköping University, with 26 000 students, 3 500 staff and more than 100 Education Programmes is one of the bigger universities in Sweden. Linköping University consists of Campus Valla in Linköping and Campus Norrköping. Linköping and Norrköping are two cities 46 km from each other. There are free Campus buses between the cities. In Norrköping we train students who will work either in Pre-school or Primary school and in Linköping teacher students are primarily trained for secondary school. If you want to visit Linköping we will arrange possibilities for you to do that. You can find out more about Linköping University on the web www.liu.se

During several years we have arranged an international week for students from some universities in Holland and Spain. The theme has been Outdoor Environment. The students have taken part in a programme with excursions to the woods and other outdoor activities but also study visits to Swedish schools. Those of you who would like to take part in an excursion can do so. This excursion is usually very appreciated among lecturers and students even if its raining cats and dogs. It is hard to say what the weather will be like in the middle of March – it can be white snow and sunshine but it can just as well be dark and without snow. And it might happen that we will get both kinds of weather within this week. Right now we have no snow but it is scheduled to come some snow soon.. We usually recommend incoming students to wear warm boots. We will also visit an integrated pre-primary school. This school is called

the Diamond School. It is situated in a suburb to Norrköping, where most people are immigrants but nevertheless the school works in a fascinating way.

2010 we will now extend our invitation to professors/lecturers/international coordinators etc. in the Nett and ETEN Networks. We will arrange possibilities for you to hold lectures or workshops if you want to do that. If you don't want to hold a lecture or a workshop you can participate in the workshop programme and the rest of the programme. Workshops will be arranged where there will be both professors/lecturers and students participating. Your contribution to the lectures or workshops can be either, theoretical or practical, experimental, innovative or reflective. You can also go with students on an excursion to the woods if you want to do that.

We hope that our international week will

- engage students and staff in discussions, workshops, theoretical and practical work etc
- make it possible to share knowledge, practices and experiences concerning training students for Early Childhood and Primary School
- give colleagues from our international networks an opportunity to present their favourite theme(s)
- inspire students to go abroad

What do we offer?

- lectures and workshops about some themes
- excursion to the woods
- constructive meetings between colleagues from different countries
- participation in an international setting and encounters with our students and staff
- exchange of experiences and discussions of educational issues among colleagues and students
- a study-visit to an integrated pre/primary school

Erasmus Teacher Exchange

In order to arrange this international week, we suggest that you apply for teacher/staff exchange grants from the Erasmus Teacher Exchange Program or, for Nordic partners, the Nordplus Program. *We hope that we, through your contributions, can make this week a success!*

Please fill in the enclosed registration form – to inform us about your arrival, if you want to give a lecture or take part in the workshop programme, if you need any special equipment etc and what kind of accommodation you prefer. We would like to know about your participation before the 15th of December or *as soon as possible* by E-mail! We will distribute a detailed program around the 15th of February.

We look forward to seeing you in Norrköping in March 2010

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