

Abstract

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Organisation : Municipality of Botkyrka

Short description:

Botkyrka is a municipality 20 km south of Stockholm, situated between lake Mälaren and the Baltic Sea. It is an international community; more than 50% of the total population of 81.000 originates from countries other than Sweden.

Presentation title: International cooperation inspires and gives a global perspective at the local level.

Executive Summary of your Abstract:

Two examples from Botkyrka will be presented on how international cooperation concerning sustainable development can be done at the local level. One example is from the Nordic/Baltic network for the Aalborg Commitments, the other from a bilateral development partner program with a province in the Philippines. Conclusions will be drawn on benefits and difficulties.

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The Nordic Baltic Network for the Aalborg Commitments (NBAC) has been active since 2006 and is co-funded by the Nordic Council of Ministers. The National Associations for Local Authorities for the Nordic and Baltic countries have been supportive in participating and promoting the yearly events. The Union of the Baltic Cities and the Stockholm Environment Institute Tallinn Centre has functioned as coordinators. Many local authorities have participated in, and contributed to, the network's events.

One of the topics that has been highlighted in the network is the follow up method of Peer Review concerning AC. Several workshops and trainings have been held on the topic. Peer Reviews have also been carried out in several municipalities. The benefits and the difficulties of the method will be presented by examples from Botkyrka and Kaunas.

The municipality of Botkyrka and the Province of Bulacan in the Philippines have been partners since 2002. The programme is funded by Sida, the Swedish international development cooperation agency and is designed to contribute to municipal and regional operations in high-priority partnership countries in the form of result-oriented projects. The two partners have had yearly projects since 2002, with topics ranging from environmental surveillance to education for sustainable development.

Focus will be on the project from 2008/2009 where pedagogues from each country worked in each others schools and preschools in order to promote education methods for sustainable development.

Resumé: Ingrid Molander is the coordinator for the partnership with Bulacan, and contact person for UBC. She is a project leader for Botkyrkas as a Fairtrade City. Since the late 90-ies she is the Environmental controller in the municipality, and has participated in implementing the Aalborg commitments.

Recommended reading: www.botkyrka.se www.icld.se www.ubc.net www.sida.se
www.aalborgplus10.dk