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Föreningen Gnistan

Project information

Structure	Malmö
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Project title	Föreningen Gnistan
Project start date	15/11/2017
Project end date	31/12/2025
Project location	Sweden
External partner (NGOs, companies, local government, etc.)	Local government

Programme objectives

Economic empowerment
Education
Environmental sustainability
Health (including water and food security)
Violence against women and children

The story of your project

Please summarise your project in some sentences:

It's a tutoring programme where children learn for life thru UNs 17 global goals, meanwhile their parents can search for work or educate them self

Why did your club / union choose to do this project?

We saw the need and value of continue with the tutoring programme , because we have a growing alienation in our hometown with differences of income, unemployment, learning in school, growing use of drugs and criminality etc.

How did you implement this project? What concrete actions did you take to tackle the issue you mentioned in the previous question?

When the politicians in Malmö wanted to shot down Gnistan(an after school centre), we organized a rally and wrote articels to save it.

We then got financial support from the local government to run it as a project together with parents and the founder of Gnistan, Safija Imsirovic.

The project is located in an exposed and poor area in Malmö with lot of unemployed and refugees.

We as SI club have 2 seats at the board and also run a tutoring project within the project just for the girls. We have open 8 hours per day 5 days per week

We give 180 children tutor help, free snacks, time for exercise, theatre and dance lessons, plant flowers and vegetables, learn them about enviroment and equality perspectivs thru UN´s 17 global goals, we also have a "Rabbit Hotel" with real rabbits so they can get a chance to have a pet.

Weekly contacts with the socials, schools and police prevent the children of getting in to worse situations than they already are and to build up a better sociaty and neighborhood for the families.

Because we give the parents a chance to educate them self and search for work meanwhile we take care of their children

Did you encounter any problems in organising or running your project?

There is a growing need to expand, because there are so many children in queue. From the beginning we agreed with the politicians to take care of 40 children, 20 hours per week and now have 180 children 40 hours per week for the same budget.

We need to at least double our financial support to be able to continue to run the project but we wont get more money from the local government.

How did you solve this problem? What did your club/union learn form solving these problems that you would like to share with others Soroptimists who might find themselves in the same situation?

We have not solve the problem jet. We are continuously searching for more financial support to make up for the possibility to take in more children.

The figures for the budget below is per year and what we get from the government as support.

We need at least the double 250.000 euro per year to keep up the work we do now otherwise we risk to go back to 40 children and 20 hours per week

Did the members of your club/union consider this project a success?

Yes we are because we have already seen the effect of our work. Children how are in our project have better degrees in school, we don´t have som much damages and demolitioans in that part anymore, Parents have started to get more work and time to educate them self

Project results

Our project's main target were:

Boys

Girls

Men

Women

How many people benefited from your project in total?

300

How much money did you raise?

120'000 €

How many hours have you spent to achieve this project?

300

Supporting material
