



Integration fund - an example of the impact of political decision

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Political policy orientation document for integration

- ➡ **Long-term will**
- ➡ **Based on democracy, human right, equality and citizens participation**
- ➡ **Sustainability through providing work and education accessibility, living, healthcare for young and old, as well as participation in culture and social life together with regional cooperation**





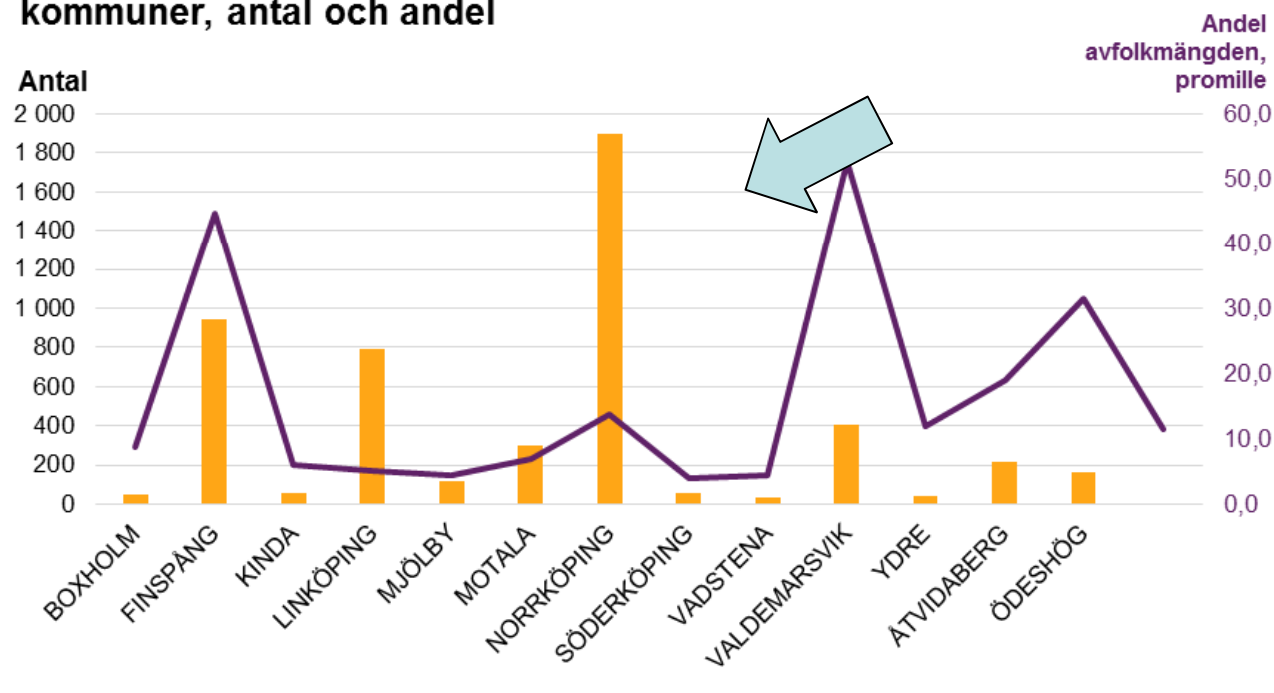


81 local civil society associations has signed the Values base of cooperation between the municipality of Norrköping and the civil society

Integration fund -Background facts

2015 -163 000 refugees came to Sweden

Asylsökande jan-augusti 2016 av folkmängden, länets kommuner, antal och andel



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Delayed asylum process

Chaotic housing situation – no quick lodging

Shortage of meaningful activities at refugee centers

- ➡ **No experience of swedish civil society**
- ➡ **No experience of swedish "society codes"**
- ➡ **Language problems**
- ➡ **Increasing traumatization**

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Expected increasing risks for the local society

- ➡ **high unemployemency,**
- ➡ **traumatized refugees cueing for help,**
- ➡ **exposed situations of drugs and alcohol,**
- ➡ **isolation - a low integration factor,**

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Expected society opportunities –

- ➡ **an expanding civil society - more people to involve that can become members and engaged in society**
- ➡ **citizens as well as organizations wants to help, to be engaged in giving aid,**
- ➡ **meaningful life when waiting for resident permits**
- ➡ **increased and quicker integration when meeting "swedish" people and "swedish" society,**



Riktlinje - förslag

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Förslag till riktlinje med organisation för fonden med ekonomiskt stöd till det civila samhällets insatser som bidrar till ökad integration i Norrköping och i den lokala flyktingsituationen.

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**2016-
10 million swedish
krona - 1 000 000 Euro
2017 –
5 million swedish
krona - 500 000 Euro**

INTEGRATION FOUNDATION - **only for the civil society** – associations/organizations/religious communities

Purpose

- ➡ **Inspire and encourage the efforts of civil society** to increase local integration .
- ➡ Support measures that **reduce social and mental stress** for the refugees / asylum seekers
- ➡ Give **equal rights and opportunities to participate** in civil society activities in Norrköping and civil society arenas prior to commitment and meaningful leisure

Results so far...

- ➡ **Around 120 applications from various associations**
- ➡ **76 approved applications**
- ➡ **Funds distributes – 9,7 million swedish crowns
(970 000 Euro)**
- ➡ **Applications from a diversity of sports associations
(fotball most common), culture, religious, social,ethnic
etc**
- ➡ **A lot of activities for refugees and asylum seekers
together with the local people of Norrköping.**

At the moment...



An ongoing discussion about the survival of the foundation as the refugee situation is not at the same level as 2015 when the foundation was decided



A probable implementation of the integration fund project in ordinary activity



Other municipality projects dealing with integration

EVOLAQ – Enhancing volunteering actions and quality in Europe



Cooperation with Länsstyrelsen (Regional board) in different projects concerning process och establishment and including of newcomers

Portalen – place of integration guiding immigrants to work or education

Application to Governmental contribution against segregation

Projects against honour related violence



Local civil society - a real creator of integration



Thank you for listening!

