

Huddinge municipality, Stockholm region

The objective

The social department of Huddinge municipality, working with employment and public assistance would like to get in contact with similar departments and related assistance offices in Europe. Huddinge would like to enable exchange of experiences and competence regarding social issues in general. The objective is to enable the development of competence for the employees through active benchmarking with other countries and regions. The employees wish to participate in networks that may result in a trial or implementation of new ideas in their own offices. They also hope that these contacts will result in common projects in the future.

The employees of the social department would like to exchange knowledge and experiences - mostly regarding competence improvement, methods of communication, routines for the reception of clients, methods for follow-up on systems for results, as well as learning about different ways to develop cooperation between different actors in the community or state. The employees are also interested in the use of different methods used in job services, with a focus on the matching of employers and the unemployed. The municipality of Huddinge is looking forward to share their experience and the competence held in the organisation.

Ongoing projects are the following:

- Group coaching for long term unemployed with health issues
- Regional collaboration for job matching of newly arrived refugees
- Activities for young people with complex barriers to employment
- Development of new methods for facilitating the social inclusion of young refugees.

The department's overall goal is to support individuals to reach self-sufficiency through employment.

The municipality

Huddinge municipality is situated south of Stockholm, the capital of Sweden. It is a modern community of 93 000 inhabitants, of which 23 percent are natives of another country. 15 000 students are studying at Södertörn University, situated in Huddinge. Huddinge has the largest area of commerce amongst the Nordic countries as well as large areas of countryside. Some parts of the municipality are segregated, with approximately 35 percent of the population born outside of Sweden. Despite the fact that the level of education is high in these areas, unemployment is twice that of the level in the whole community i.e approx. 5 percent as compared to 2,5 percent. The total unemployment rate among the young population 18-24 years of age is 3,4 percent.

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