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### **Who are we?**

Stiftelsen Hotellhem in Stockholm (SHIS) was founded in Stockholm in 1963 as a local NGO, with the objective to provide both permanent and temporary accommodation, for those who, for some reason or another, find themselves without adequate housing. The board is self administrated and elected by the Stockholm City Council.

### **Our function**

In cooperation with the local social authorities we provide not only temporary housing for individuals who due to social and/or economical circumstances are excluded from the general housing market but also housing for individuals who are in need of housing on a more permanent basis.

### **Focus groups**

Whilst our main focus group is made up of individuals who are 25 +, special consideration is also given to those between the ages of eighteen to twenty eight, comprising of mainly students or employed. Furthermore 'Stiftelsen' has an obligation to house both refugee families and individuals during their first years on arrival in Stockholm.

### **Properties**

The majority of the nineteen properties currently in use by us are owned by a municipal corporation 'Stockholmshem'. They vary in size, the smallest one having only five apartments and the largest four hundred and fifty. They are situated both throughout the City and the surrounding suburbs; in total provide some two thousand two hundred and forty five apartments.

### **Current project**

SHIS has applied for and has been granted financial means to carry on a development project for its staff in cooperation with its partners, Rainbow Sweden, Build Your Future and RFHL Stockholm. The staff lacks in many cases formal education and language skills sufficient to perform their work. The intention of the project is to increase general competence amongst its staff. The fields to cover includes care, management, administration, caretaker issues and general profile issues. SHIS has not been granted the possibility to carry out international cooperation projects but wishes anyhow to make some study tours to some European countries, preferably to organisations with as similar activities as possible.

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