

# Be our guest in Sweden 2008 and meet the whole world



Participants in Sweden 2006



CIF-Sweden

Council of International Fellowship

*– exchange programme for  
social workers and youth leaders*

*CIF-Sweden invites social workers, youth leaders and special educators to its 30<sup>th</sup> exchange programme*

**27<sup>th</sup> March–28<sup>th</sup> April 2008**

CIF-Sweden offers a five-week programme including introduction, orientation, fieldwork experience and evaluation.

The programme is co-ordinated and staffed by volunteers, mainly former participants in CIF/CIP programmes with help from friends of CIF. We will host 6–8 participants from the whole world.

The programme will start in Stockholm and the fieldwork experience will be in different parts of Sweden.

CIF-Sweden arranges placements in most areas of social services. The fact that the participants are not familiar with the Swedish language means that the field experience will be more like observation and orientation, rather than working directly with clients.

Learning from one another by sharing experience with other participants, local professionals, host families and Swedish CIF-members (former participants in CIF/CIP-programme).

Most of the accommodation will be in host families. This gives a unique opportunity to get to know Sweden from breakfast to evening coffee – from everyday duties to celebrations.



Participants take the opportunity to rest during a ferry trip

Don't expect a holiday or lots of free time – you will be kept busy from early morning to late evening and get lots of experience!



## Introduction

The programme begins on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March in Stockholm where the participants live together during the first few days, thereby giving them the chance to get to know each other and to get their first glimpse of Swedish life and culture.

## Orientation

The next part of the programme (two weeks) is an orientation about Sweden and its history, political, legal, educational and social services systems, trade unionism etc. Special emphasis is placed upon Swedish social work and the Swedish way of life.



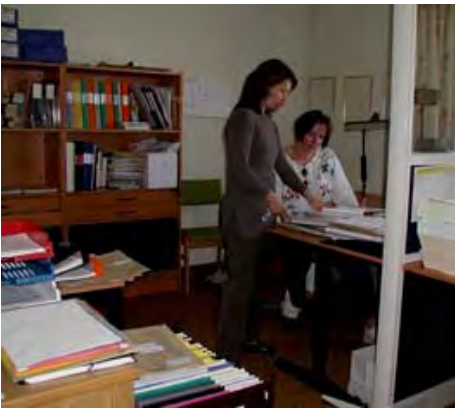
During this part of the programme the participants live in Stockholm with host families and attend a combination of seminars, study visits, cultural events and discussions covering many topics so as to enhance their understanding of Swedish culture.





They also partake in a cultural and professional exchange with their fellow participants.

### Fieldwork experience



The third part of the programme (two weeks) is devoted to introducing the particular field of social work/social services selected by the participants.



During this part of the programme the participants will go to different parts of Sweden and will live with host families.



## Evaluation

The fourth part of the programme (last weekend) is used for evaluation, sharing of experiences and bringing the program to an end including a farewell party. For this occasion the participants will again be housed as a group.



You can read former participants reports on [www.cif-sweden.org](http://www.cif-sweden.org)

## Applicant Requirements

You must:

- be professionally qualified as a social worker, youth leader, special educator or in other social work related professions;
- be employed as a social worker, youth leader, special educator or in other social work related professions;
- be involved in direct service with clients;
- have a minimum of 3 years professional experience and
- understand and speak English fluently.

## Living conditions



Living with host families is an essential part of the programme. It is a good way of learning about family life in Sweden. Participants usually stay 1–2 weeks in each family.



The host families provide: a private bedroom, breakfast and evening meal on weekdays and all meals on weekends. CIF-Sweden provides lunch on weekdays.

During the introduction and evaluation the participants will stay together and share rooms.

## Economy

- There is no registration fee.
- The participant must pay his or her own travel to and from Sweden.
- The participant must have full travel insurance coverage including third party liability.
- CIF will not be responsible for living expenses not related to participation in the program. This means that the participant will need money for his or her own expenses such as gifts, personal travel etc., and for all expenses before and after the program.
- Please note that host families are volunteers and cannot undertake any personal costs and especially not costs for long-distance calls and Internet use.
- CIF-Sweden provides for public transportation related to the program.



## Family and friends

Participation is a full time involvement. Therefore, the participant should not allow family members or friends to visit during the programme.

## More information

Photos of previous groups and reports from participants can be found on [www.cif-sweden.org](http://www.cif-sweden.org). Latest information about the program will be announced there as well.

## How to apply

### If you live in:

Aotearoa/New Zealand, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Cameroon, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Kyrgys Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Slovenia, Switzerland, Tanzania, Turkey, United Kingdom or USA.

Information and application forms about the programme in Sweden can be obtained from your national branch. The completed applications should be sent there as well. You will find a current list of addresses at [www.cif-sweden.org](http://www.cif-sweden.org).

**NB:** If you send your completed application directly to Sweden it will be sent back to your national branch, which may delay it. Also, contact your national branch in time – they will have an earlier deadline.

### If you live in another country (without a national branch)

You will find more information and an application form at [www.cif-sweden.org](http://www.cif-sweden.org).

The completed applications from countries without national branches are to be with CIF-Sweden by 1 December 2007.

## Final selection

CIF-Sweden makes the final selection on participants and placements. All applicants will get the decision in mid January 2008.

## About CIF-Sweden

CIF-Sweden is a national branch of CIF – Council of International Fellowship. CIF is an independent, private, voluntary organisation.

CIF-Sweden was formed in 1961 by former Swedish participants in the CIP programme in USA. During the year programs was set up in other countries and in 1978 CIF-Sweden was ready for its first programme.



In 2008 we will do our 30<sup>th</sup> program. There was no program in 1993 when we hosted CIF International Conference for the second time.

CIF-Sweden is based in Stockholm with activities in about ten other places all over the country. Especially fieldwork experience is arranged by local groups outside Stockholm.

CIF-Sweden has during the last couple of years been involved in a CIF-Baltic Sea project to exchange experience between our countries.



In 2004 a former participant invited CIF-Sweden to Ghana and in 2006 we was invited to Kyrgyz Republic. We had a good time with lot of cultural and professional exchange. We are pleased to welcome the new Kyrgyz CIF branch and look forward to a branch in Ghana.



# CIF - Council of International Fellowship

*Provides professional human services' development  
and training through intercultural exchange*

## The CIF objectives are:



- to increase professional knowledge in the field of social work, youth work and special education by learning from another;
- to increase the understanding of the world's diverse cultures through contact among the participants themselves and
- to promote world peace.

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