

Annual Country Report - SWYAA Sweden

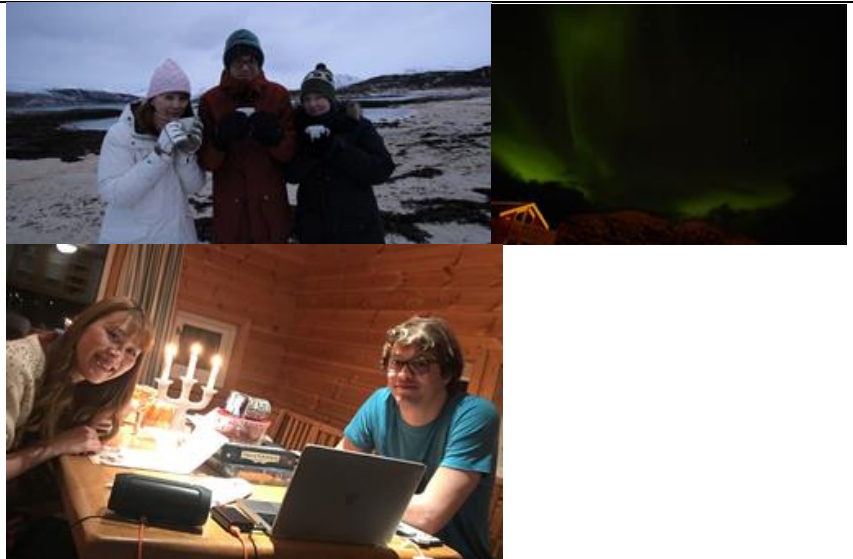
~ January through December 2018 ~

This report has been compiled by Lotta Rössner and the SWYAA Sweden Board in cooperation with active SWYAA International alumni members in Sweden. It was submitted 2019-01-04 to swyaa@iyeo.or.jp.

BASIC FACTS	
Basic facts about your country's Alumni Association:	
Country	SWEDEN
Name of the organization	SWYAASweden (short for Ship for World Youth Alumni Association Sweden)
Organisational structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Umbrella organization of the government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officially registered <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary group <input type="checkbox"/> Other ()
Board members (Name/batch)	(Name/batch) President: Carolina Hawranek (SWY 23) Vice President: Malin Öhrman (SWY 23) Second Vice President: Karolina Leopoldsson (SWY 23) Secretary General: Anna Lind (SWY23) Treasurer: K-G Eriksson (SWY23, GLDP26) Board members: Lotta Rössner (SWY10), Anna Rydborg (GLDP26) Nominating Committée: Robert Cedermark (GLDP26) and Per Örlander (GLDP26), Controller/Internal auditor: Petter Falk (SWY23)
Number of members	Total number of ex-PYs: 12+11+11+11+8 (53 participants in total) + 11+1 NL SWY 31 = total 64 participants <u>Active members:</u> 24 members have paid their membership fee in full during the year 2018. Of these around half are currently involved in planning, organising or taking part in activities of the association in some way. <u>Affiliate members:</u> 50 ex-PYs are members in our closed alumni association facebook group where we share official documents, information from Japan, invitations from the Japanese Embassy, and more. The majority of them follow updates and discussions regularly.
Annual membership fee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes → How much? (200 SEK, approx. 3000 JPY) <input type="checkbox"/> No
Basic facts about your country's participation in SWY:	
Which batches has your country participated in?	SWY 4 (1992) SWY 10 (1998) SWY 18 (2006) SWY 23 (2011) GLDP 26 (2014) SWY 31 (will participate in 2019)
Which institution has conducted the selection process?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Japanese Embassy <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Youth organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWYAA (is partly involved by supporting the embassy with input on selection criteria and conducting PR and marketing in support of the programmes.) <input type="checkbox"/> Other ()
Which institution has conducted the pre-departure training?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Japanese Embassy (partly involved, held information session during pre-departure and organised Ambassador's family dinner for the SWY31 Swedish

	delegation). <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Youth organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWYAA (mainly plan and conduct the pre-departure training in practice, prepare the participants and the performances, activities and logistics.) <input type="checkbox"/> Other ()
How many days was the pre-departure training?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 day <input type="checkbox"/> 2 – 3 days <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 – 6 days (counting the different planning sessions, information meetings and social gatherings on location. However, continuous planning over digital channels took several months of dedicated engagement by participants.) <input type="checkbox"/> Other ()
Communication:	
How does your AA communicate internally with members and externally with non-members?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website → URL (http://swysweden.org/) <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter → Please attach a copy of the newsletter to this report <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mailing list (through yahooGroups) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blog → URL (http://swysweden.org/category/news/) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Facebook page - Closed group for internal use - 50 members (www.facebook.com/groups/207896345902412/) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Facebook page - Official open for external visitors - 370 followers (www.facebook.com/swyaasweden/) (89% increase since the year before, with 196 followers) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (individual members use social media, local press and other channels to market, inform and engage friends, relatives and the public.)
NETWORKING AND COLLABORATIONS WITH JAPAN AND THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY	
Important associates and collaborators?	<input type="checkbox"/> Government sector (name:) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Japanese Embassy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Japanese community (<i>sometimes The Japanese Society in Stockholm</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Other organizations (name:)
Do you organize events with the Japanese Embassy?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes SWYAA Sweden has a well-established and mutually beneficial contact with the Embassy of Japan in Stockholm. During 2018, a few members of the SWYAA-SE were invited to the opening concert for the jubilee year of 2018 - 150 years of diplomatic ties between Sweden and Japan in January. Members have also participated in Japanese film-festival during the jubilee year. One informal luncheon with embassy representatives, invited were the cultural attache Mr. Toshio Yadomi, Ms Noriko Kurihara, Mr Roger Klein was a highlight in Stockholm visit during the SWY CAMP. A courtesy call with the embassy took place with the new delegation SWY31 as a part of the preparation to take part in the programme at the end of the year.. <input type="checkbox"/> We have also continued our collaboration on spread of activities and PR to other events organised or supported by the Embassy. In addition, we have supplied the Embassy Staff with contact details to distinguished alumni of SWYAA Sweden upon request.
Do you organize events with the Japanese community?	<input type="checkbox"/> There is no officially established collaboration with the formal Japanese community (i.e the Stockholm Japanese community with official webpage here: http://japanskaforeningenisthlm.se/). But Swedish alumni do attend events organised by the association and have contact with expatriate Japanese living in Sweden regularly.
Activities from January to December 2018 Among all the activities listed, please indicate <u>one event</u> by elaborating the explanation using another template “ ProminentActivity_Article_Template ”	
International reunions (Please write your AA has hosted an international reunion)	
Name of the event	Camp SWY
Date of the event	6-11 August 2018, in Sweden
Hosting city	Stockholm and Västeräng
How many participants?	Number of domestic and international participants: 32 pax


From which countries?	Names of the countries participated: 11 countries, and 14 batches
Please write a summary of the event	<p><i>Please also see separate prominent activity.</i></p> <p>We wanted to reconnect to the SWY spirit by offering an opportunity to foster international relationships, personal development and cross-cultural connections. At official reunions there is sometimes only a little time for casual conversations and spontaneous networking. Therefore, we called this reunion “Camp SWY” – and we wanted an alternative, laid-back, relaxed and informal event where old and new SWY bonds can grow and flourish. Welcome to an informal and relaxed reunion!</p> <p>We spent two days in Stockholm (the capital of Sweden), and almost four days at the lakeside camp “Västeräng”. Despite this being an informal SWY reunion, we wanted to make the most of our stay in Stockholm, before we headed out to the beautiful countryside and enjoy another four days of friendship, cultural exchange and true SWY spirit. Stockholm included visits to the Old Town, the city hall and more. In Camp Västeräng we had watersports, outdoor activities, boat excursions, canoes, swimming, beachvolley, soccer, softball etc.</p>
Name of the event	Reunion in New York City
Date of the event	21 September 2018
Hosting city	New York City, USA
How many participants? From which countries?	2 participants, Sweden + Japan
Please write a summary of the event	<p>In September 2018 a mini reunion took place in New York City. Michiko Terazawa from Japan and Anna Rydborg (former Anna Edlund, GLDP) from Sweden were delighted to meet again! They were having breakfast at the Swedish church in the middle of New York. Talking memories and discussing life changing events. It was such a joyful time! The friendship really is all over the world without expecting it! Everything just because of SWY.</p> 
Name of the event	New year's celebration and music recording
Date of the event	28-31 december 2018
Hosting city	Sommarøy, Tromsø in Norway
How many participants? From which countries?	3 participants, Sweden + Japan
Please write a summary of the event	<p>A mini-new year reunion was held in the north part of Norway by the Swedish ex-PY Anna Rydborg to explore Scandinavian Arctic together. During the stay there were music-exchange and music making going on. A recording studio was set up in place where the arctic mountains meet the Caribbean beaches. Apart from the cultural music-exchange they also had the luck to catch the northern lights!</p>




National reunions (Please write your AA has hosted a national reunion)

Name of the event	Annual General Alumni Association Meeting
Date of the event	March 18, 2018
Hosting city	Stockholm
How many participants?	9 participants (8 Swedish – 1 Sri Lankan ex-PY).
Please write a summary of the event	<p>The 2018 National reunion and annual general meeting was held in Stockholm and was completed with nine participants present.</p> <p>SWYAA Sweden presented its plans for 2018, including an in-depth presentation and planning for the upcoming Camp Sweden in August. We were happy to be able to proceed with this event, also linking it to the Jubilee year of 2018 – celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Sweden- Japan diplomatic relations. The meeting also reviewed the current agenda (year two of two). The participants also shared a Japanese lunch together during the meeting.</p> <p>In total the board has met 17 times, with minutes, as one of the main activities have been to plan the Camp Sweden event during summer.</p> <p><i>Caption for photo below: Participants in National Reunion and Annual General Meeting for SWYAA Sweden from left: Anna Rydborg, Karolina Leopoldsson, K-G Eriksson, Malin Öhrman, Åsa Danielsson, Lotta Rössner, Navaratnam Navarajacumaran, Anna Lind and Carolina Hawranek in the front.</i></p>

Name of the event	Reunion between different batches
Date of the event	2 november 2018

Hosting city	Stockholm
How many participants?	Nine (8 ex-PY's from Sweden and 1 Sri Lanka ex-PY)
Please write a summary of the event	<p>A national reunion was held in Stockholm. Ex-PY's that haven't met in a long time joined, an ex-PY that now lives in Denmark decided to join too. It was a wonderful time to meet old friends and other ex-PY's from different Swedish batches. In total three different batches were there. Also one ex-PY from Sri Lanka joined.</p>  <p><i>Group photo of the people who joined the national reunion that was held in Stockholm in November.</i></p>

Receiving ex-SWY participants	
<p>Did you organize a “Homestay + 1” project for the visitors? If yes, please write in detail.</p>	<p>Visit in Norberg</p> <p>In the beginning of August, just before the Camp Sweden, five ex-PYs had the wonderful opportunity to visit Gigi (SWY4) in her home in Norberg, in the Västmanland region of Sweden. 3 JPY and one participant from Spain (also from SWY 4) had the opportunity to spend time on the countryside for a few days. Activities included a visit to the art gallery Avesta Art, eating lots of shrimps (räkfrossa), swimming in the local lake and to visit the local surroundings, including visiting the largest darlecarlian horse (dalahäst) in Sweden. The weather was the best possible you could think of!</p>   <p>-----</p> <p>Tour of temple NIKKO Toshogu Shrine and several mini-reunions in Tokyo</p> <p>Anna Rydborg (GLDP) visited Japan in February 2018 for a SWY-inspired programme between 15-26 February. She stayed with Sunny Haruka Ohno who gave her a tour around Tokyo several days. During the stay there were three mini-reunions held where plenty of ex-PY's from Japan joined. During the stay Sunny and Anna also joined one of Mifuyu Shimizu classes in Tai-Chi. There were cultural exchange together with the participants at the</p>

regular class. The tour of Tokyo ended with an extra tour held by Mifuyu to the NIKKO Toshogu Shrine temple.



One of many mini-reunions during Anna Rydborg's (GLDP) SWY-inspired stay in Japan 15 february-26 February. In total there were around 15 ex-JPY's that met Anna this time.

Tour of Sweden for ex-PY Violeta Gracia

Anna Rydborg (GLDP) hosted Violeta Gracia (SWY 28) from 16 July-6 August. The time included roadtrip in the region Värmland in Sweden, traditional Swedish cultural festival, visiting and stayed overnight in Annas summerhouse. A typical Swedish summer!

Violeta also stayed in Anna and her husband Axels apartment for one more week to explore Stockholm by herself.

Wedding with ex-PY's from three different countries – Joining ex- PY's from 3 different countries at a Swedish wedding

20-22 July 2018 Anna Rydborg (former Anna Edlund from GLDP) got married with Axel Rydborg. Plenty of ex-PY's from Japan and Mexico participated at the wedding. Sunny Haruka Ohno, Patricia Lopez and Ayaka Ishikawa was also an important part in the wedding ceremony. Sunny sang a song, Patricia and Ayaka read a poem together. Sunny Haruka Ohno also designed the brides wedding-accessories for the hair.

Six people stayed in Anna and Axels apartment before the wedding and after two of them stayed one more week. During the wedding, that was held in the region Värmland in Sweden, all stayed in a cabin at the wedding place for a weekend. It was an amazing time to have an international-wedding and at the same time reunion from all over the world! A memory that will stay for good!



Stockholm tour with sky view for ex-PY from Mexico

In the beginning of June ex-PY Rodolfo Ismael from Mexico visited Sweden. Anna Rydborg guided him around in Stockholm including the old town, centre of Stockholm and they also went for a sky view.

Tour of Japan and Onsen visiting with Japanese family February 2018

Ayaka Ishikawa hosted Anna Rydborg (GLDP) 23-25 February at Annas SWY-inspired program. During this time at the trip Ayaka invited Anna to her family's house where they stayed one night. Ayaka also took Anna to her grandmother's home who is a very traditional Japanese house. For the weekend Anna joined Ayaka's family in a traditional Onsen trip for one night. It was really traditional Japanese experience!



Voluntary (Social Contribution) projects – Post-Program Activities

Name of the event	Japanese flooding relief Fundraising campaign
Date of the event	17-24 August 2018 – call for urgent fundraiser
Hosting city	N/A – ONLINE EVENT
How many ex-PYs involved and how many beneficiaries?	23 paying Swedish ex-PY alumni members contributed with funds, with a total of about 3940 SEK (45913 yen).

Please write a summary of the event	<p>Heavy rains hit west Japan in July, causing 225 deaths, approximately 3,400 people still in evacuation, and approximately 5,500 houses totally destroyed (numbers from August 7th). Okayama IYEO announced they organised some relief for the young victims in particular. International SWYAA therefore organized an urgent fundraiser to support our Japanese friends that have been affected.</p> <p>SWYAA Sweden thus decided quickly to run a Disaster Relief Alumni Membership Fundraiser with a deadline on the 24th of August 2018 – pledging that all incoming fees would go directly to this fundraiser. A total of 3940 SEK (45913 YEN) was collected from members and transferred to Japan for this purpose.</p>
Name of the event	Japanese week on Campus in Umeå
Date of the event	27 February 2018
Hosting city	Umeå, Sweden
How many ex-PYs involved and how many beneficiaries?	1 PY involved - around 40-50 students and interested people in the audience.
Please write a summary of the event	<p>On February the 27th SWYAA Sweden's representative had the immense pleasure of opening the Japanese Week on Campus at Umeå universitet with a joint lunch talk on Swedish-Japanese relations in collaboration with Association for International Affairs (Utrikespolitiska föreningen) in Umeå.</p> <p>Edward Fleetwood from the Sweden-Japan foundation introduced with the history and overview of diplomatic and business relations. He also discussed the many cultural similarities between Sweden and Japan and mentioned some of the upcoming events in the ongoing anniversary year, and his role in assisting the Embassy through the Support Secretariat for the 150th Anniversary celebrations (link to Anniversary Support Secretariat and Event Calendar).</p> <p>Then Carolina Hawranek held a talk about the history and development of the SWY program and SWYAA International to exemplify cultural and leadership exchange and social contribution arranged and hosted by the Cabinet Office of the Government of Japan.</p>
Name of the event:	Swedish cultural- and music workshop for primary school in Tokyo
Date of the event:	20 February
Hosting city:	Tokyo
How many involved and how many beneficiaries?:	1 Swedish ex-PY's and 1 Japanese ex-PY. 120 workshop participants.
Summary:	<p>On the 20nd of February Anna Rydborg (GLDP) from Sweden hosted four different music workshops together with ex-JPY Sunny Haruka Ohno (GLDP) for a primary school in Tokyo. The event were highly appreciated by the principal and the teachers for the students. The workshops offered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Learning about Swedish culture and country - Singing Swedish songs - Learning Anna Japanese songs <p>The workshops took part under one day in a Maehara elementary school in Tokyo.</p>



OTHER ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS 2018

Swedish delegation to 20 year anniversary of SWY10 batch in Dubai, UAE

20 years ago, SWY10 started its program onboard Nippon Maru. The reunion had been planned for more than a year, and finally around 40 persons met up in Dubai 22-26 March for the 20th year reunion for SWY10. Two persons from Sweden participated, Lotta (NL, F-group) and Ellen (K-group). Activities included a visit to the desert and sand dunes, staying at a farm and the possibility to explore Dubai, including Burgh Kalifa, the tallest building on earth. The main event, was of course to get the opportunity to reconnect with friends and their families for the first time in 20 years. There were participants from almost all participating countries from SWY10, although the Swedish delegation was the only European delegation this time. Several of the Swedish participants that could not be present at the reunion sent video-messages and regards during the reunion to connect and share how their lives are today.



(Photo: Pramod Nair. Ellen Gosdoun and Lotta Rössner from the Swedish batch (SWY10) are to the right on the photo)

Swedish participation to SWYAA Intl. Global Assembly 12 in Tonga

One Swedish ex-PY, Gigi Lönn (SWY4) participated in the GA in Tonga in November 2018, as the only European in the global assembly. 25 participants mainly from Japan, New Zealand, Fiji gathered in Tonga for a few days to learn more about Tonga, and visiting different places, beaches and markets, and local NGOs such as a women weaving development group. Gigi was selected to give the thank-you speech on behalf of all the ex-PYs to the Tongan Minister of international affairs, and the Japanese ambassador. Gigi was also interviewed on national TV together with other participants from New Zealand and Fiji in the GA.



Preparation, recruitment and pre-departure training for SWY31

Late summer 2018 the board of SWYAA received an official inquiry from the Embassy of Japan in Stockholm to nominate at least two alumni members for the position as national leader for SWY31. The board received four nominations to become National Leader, of which we assessed the proposals and put forward proposals to the Japanese embassy to select their candidate. The Embassy staff then performed interviews and selected a suitable National Leader Candidate for the position who was sent to Japan as a proposal.

We received information very late this year about the recruitment process. However, members of SWYAA spread information through social media and other communication channels to highlight the unique opportunity to apply as becoming part of SWY31. The aim was to spread this open recruitment as widely as possible during the two-three weeks the application was open. Despite the short application time, the Embassy of Japan received plenty of candidates of which they interviewed around 20 and selected 11. By mid-October, the new PYs were informed and the proposed National Leader started pre-departure training information.

The board of SWYAA Sweden have supported the new delegation heavily. Several alumni have supported the National Leader in charge of the preparation of the new batch of fortunate persons that are selected to participate in SWY31. Two pre-departure sessions over weekends were organised in October and December, totalling five days of full time work. This has ensured a proper preparation of the group.

One evening the new PYs had the possibility to meet up with ex-PYs to share experiences, ask questions and get a better understanding of the experiences to come, to the mutual joy from everyone involved. Official visits and meeting during the second pre-departure training weekend included a study visit to the Japanese embassy and personal meeting with the Cultural attaché, as well as a private dinner with the Japanese Ambassador and his family at the Japanese Ambassador's Residence, which was highly appreciated by all delegates. The group also had a scheduled lecture on the "Brand of Sweden abroad" at Svenska institutet (SI) to prepare for Swedish presentations onboard SWY31. The new batch PYs have also created their own Instagram account @swy31swedishdelegation as a communication tool for further use, where all 11 OPYs have presented themselves. The NL for SWY31 is our current president in the alumni association, Ms Carolina Hawranek.



Left: Joint alumni and PY-candidates during first pre-departure session in October 2018.

Right: Exclusive reception for SWY-participants at the Japanese Ambassador's Residence on the 7th of December 2018.

KIVA microloans – 300 USD in loans to three projects in two countries during 2018

SWYAA Sweden is a member of the *Kiva Lending Team: Ship for World Youth Alumni Association* since March 9, 2011. The SWY Lending Team was an initiative by a member of the Australian Delegation to SWY23.

During the year of 2018, SWYAA Sweden was invited to participate in SWY 31 (to be held in 2019). Also, in the summer of 2018, SWYAA Sweden arranged Camp SWY (an informal SWY reunion) for which there were minor costs that were covered by the board. When arranging the camp, the board wanted to have access to monetary funds to be able to cover unexpected costs related to the reunion. Moreover, SWYAA Sweden has a solvency goal of 3000 SEK per year. In order to maintain solvency, to finance certain pre departure activities for the new delegation, and to cover the costs related to Camp SWY, the board of SWYAA Sweden decided to withdraw 350 USD from our KIVA account. No new microloans were made during neither the spring nor the fall of 2018 (to keep funds available for withdrawal). However, after making the aforementioned withdrawal of 350 USD on December 16, the remaining available funds (324 USD) were relented as specified below.

During 2018, SWYAA Sweden made loans to three projects for a total sum of 300 USD.

Countries (nr. of projects): Kenya (2), Solomon Islands (1).

Areas: Dairy, Farming, Fish selling.

For more information on these loans, see Appendix (list of loans made during 2018).

The cumulative amount SWYAA Sweden has lent since joining KIVA in 2011 is 4,900 USD. In 2018 the loans on KIVA.org have continued to be guided by SWYAA Sweden's policy for microlending. The policy focuses on projects benefiting women, children, youth, and has an aim towards sustainability. The policy was implemented in 2015 and reflects SWYAA Sweden's ambition to focus on giving loans to projects which can contribute to long-term positive effects on communities in development.

In short, the policy prioritizes giving loans to projects:

- that are managed by or benefit children/youth – especially girls/women – since they are one of the most vulnerable groups in society. Also, microlending to women helps empower women and supports children and overall household well-being.
- In the areas of sustainable development and food production, cultural expression and understanding, education, and peace building; honoring the legacy and vision of the Ship for World Youth program.
- In countries that have participated in any edition of the Ship for World Youth program.

The projects that SWYAA Sweden lent money to during 2018 were handpicked according to these guidelines and the projects available at the time of the lending (see Appendix for list of projects).

Other donations

SWYAA Sweden continues to support the One more child-project run by the Sri Lankan alumni association. The new Swedish NL for SWY31 gave the contribution of 1000 SEK to the organisation when visiting Japan in the prep- meeting for new national leaders in October.

Prominent SWYAA Sweden alumni and other events of interest

Peter Gille, (SWY31 candidate) is part of Mrs. Berit Olofssons research group at Stockholm University. He was therefore fortunate enough to have the chance to meet with this years Japanese Nobel Laureate in Physiology or Medicine, Mr Tasuke Honjo, during an exclusive invite-only lecture in Förstakammarsalen at Riksdagshuset on December 11th - during Nobel Week in Stockholm. The lecture was organised by Rifo (Association for Parliament delegated and researchers and the Noble Center)



Caption: One of the two Nobel Laureates 2018 in Physiology or Medicine, Mr, Tasuke Honjo, conversing with SWY31-candidate Peter Gille after an exclusive lecture at the Parliament Building on 11th of December 2018.

Ex-PY re-elected as a president for The Swedish Society of Young Musicians

During November 2017 Anna Rydborg (former Anna Edlund) was re-elected as a president for the biggest youth organisation for musicians in Sweden. The organisation has 40.000 members in the whole Sweden. It's the third time Anna got selected to be the president. 2018 the organization also celebrated 40 years and Anna arranged the celebration that included a concert and an VIP-dinner for some guests.





Therese Kärngard, (SWY10), has in the local elections of the fall of 2018 been re-elected as mayor of the municipality of Berg, in the north of Sweden. The municipality has about 7100 participants, and there is a lot of space for everyone, with 1,25 inhabitant per m2. Therese has just started her second term (of 4 years each) as the mayor in the municipality. The municipality has mountains and tourism is a main industry within the municipality. Quite many persons living there are entrepreneurs as well. Therese finds it really rewarding and fulfilling to be leading the development and work of the municipality and her motto in doing so is “development first”.



Annelie Börjesson – SWY18, and advisor SWY21

Annelie was elected president of the United Nations Association of Sweden in June, after being active at local and national levels for many years. She started being active in the UN-Association as a result of her experiences from the SWY-programme. After coming home from SWY18, she wanted to learn more and be involved in international issues, when she had met so many people from all over the world, and learning about fellow PYs inspirations and motivations in a global world. Hence she approached the local branch of the UN-Association where she lived, and now 11 years later she is elected the president for the entire association. The association has about 6 000

individual members, around 100 local member clubs, and around 90 affiliated other national organisations. Annelie wants to promote better cooperation between different actors within the United Nations associations, as well as cooperating with other actors close to the organization. *“I am very proud and honoured to have been given the opportunity to continue lead and work with this organization. Visibility and enhancing membership value for a better world is also important. Agenda 2030 is of vital importance for us all and the global goals stated there, especially gender equality and women’s roles in peace processes. The reduction of nuclear arms and related issues are also important to work further on. We need to continue our work on human rights and to ensure the safety of whistle blowers within the UN-organisation/system”* says Annelie Börjesson in an interview in one of the major new papers.

<http://www.gp.se/nyheter/g%C3%B6teborg/g%C3%B6teborgare-ska-leda-svenska-fn-f%C3%B6rbundet-ram%C3%A5t-1.6623475> and

<https://fn.se/aktuellt/debattartiklar/fn-ar-bra-for-alla-och-sarskilt-for-sverige/> are two links to articles written by Annelie earlier this year.



Annelie had also the opportunity this year to meet with two fellow ex-PYs from SWY18 from Japan when Koki Fukasaki visited Stockholm, and then Swedish Daniel Schatz, currently working in the UN in New York.

