

This third issue is not only centred on the visit that took place in Sweden last May, but also gives us the opportunity to inform you of recent developments in the Thematic Review activities.

The involvement of a large number of experts - twelve specialists and researchers in the area of adult learning from eleven different OECD countries - to review the four countries visited so far, has allowed for a fruitful exchange of ideas and points of view on issues concerning adult learning. The summer months will allow us to prepare the first results and enrich the website considerably. The Background Reports for Switzerland, the United Kingdom, Norway and Sweden will be circulated. The Country Note will be sent to each National Co-ordinator for discussion and comments before being included on the Website. We are also preparing a short Progress Report to be presented at the autumn sessions of the ELSA Committee (18-20 October) and the Education Committee (15-17 November).

We hope you have a good summer and look forward to our upcoming autumn activities.

Anne Sonnet

### The visit: The Swedish viewpoint

"Why do you try to improve adult education when you achieved the best results in the International Adult Literacy Survey?" This was the first of many questions asked by the five OECD experts during their visit at the beginning of May to investigate adult learning in Sweden.

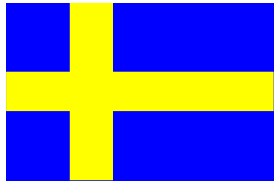
Our guests were given a very tight programme, including an overview of the aspects of adult education and training in different parts of Sweden.

The experts showed great interest in what was presented in the visits they made and we had many fruitful discussions comparing our adult education system with those of other countries. These discussions were of great importance to us and hopefully to the OECD group. The conclusions presented the last day by the Rapporteur, Gerry Makepeace, convinced us that we had answered the initial question.

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# Visit to Sweden

## 3-12 May



# Sweden

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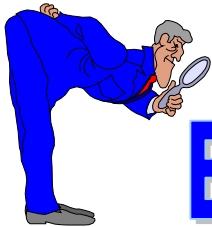
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### Background Report

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### Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Stockholm

09:00-11:00 Pilot Group: Review of the Background Report  
11:00-13:00 Overview of Adult Education  
14:00-15:00 Current issues and problems  
15:00-17:00 Social partners

### Thursday May 4<sup>th</sup>

#### Popular Adult Education

08:30-10:00 The Swedish National Council of Adult Education  
Place: Fellingsbro

14:00-15:30 Fellingsbro Folk High School  
15:30-17:00 Adult education associations and folk high schools

### Friday May 5<sup>th</sup> Place: Lindesberg

#### Flexible Learning

09:00-10:00 The Learning Centre Concept, *Masugnen Blåsterugnen* - Competence development  
10:30-12:00 Individual study plans. The Adult Education Initiative (AEI), Pupils at work - Computer course  
13:00-14:00 Learning centre *Vingåker*. Video conference with Namo Explosives Factory  
Social partners: Education in the future  
14:00-14:30 University - distance learning through ICT  
15:00-15:30 Labour market policy strategies

### Monday May 8<sup>th</sup> Place: Stockholm

#### Learning for Working Life

09:00-10:30 Labour market training (Semcon Education)  
11:00-13:00 Ministry of Industry, Employment and Communications. The Vaggeryd Model and SWIT  
14:00-16:30 Advanced vocational education, Stockholm Environmental Centre (*Miljöcenter*)  
16:30-17:00 Representative from Statistics Sweden

### Tuesday May 9<sup>th</sup> Place: Göteborg

#### The Public System

09:00-11:00 North Adult Centre *Vuxia*: compulsory and upper secondary levels, Swedish tuition for immigrants, design of orientation courses in regions  
12:30-14:00 School for Municipal Education for Adults with Learning Disabilities (*Särvtux*)  
14:30-15:45 Centre for information on studies and guidance  
16:00-17:00 Work on validation

### Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup> Place: Göteborg

#### Advanced vocational education

09:00-11:00 Universities and university colleges  
National Evaluation of AEI  
12:00-13:00 Advanced Vocational Education  
14:30-16:30 Hisingen upper secondary adult education centre

### Thursday May 11<sup>th</sup> Place: Stockholm

#### Adult education in the future

09:00-11:00 Ongoing commissions on: individual competence accounts; more effective labour market training; guidance and counselling; validation  
11:00-12:00 Commission for Adult Education: report on AEI and the forthcoming Bill on Adult education: Post secondary vocational education  
14:00-16:00 Skandia, competence development

### Friday May 12<sup>th</sup> Conclusions

08:30-11:00 Researchers in adult education  
11:00-12:00 Steering Group: Proposal for the Country Note