

ESC PROJECT IN VÄXJÖ:

MAINTENANCE WITHIN THE SIP NETWORK

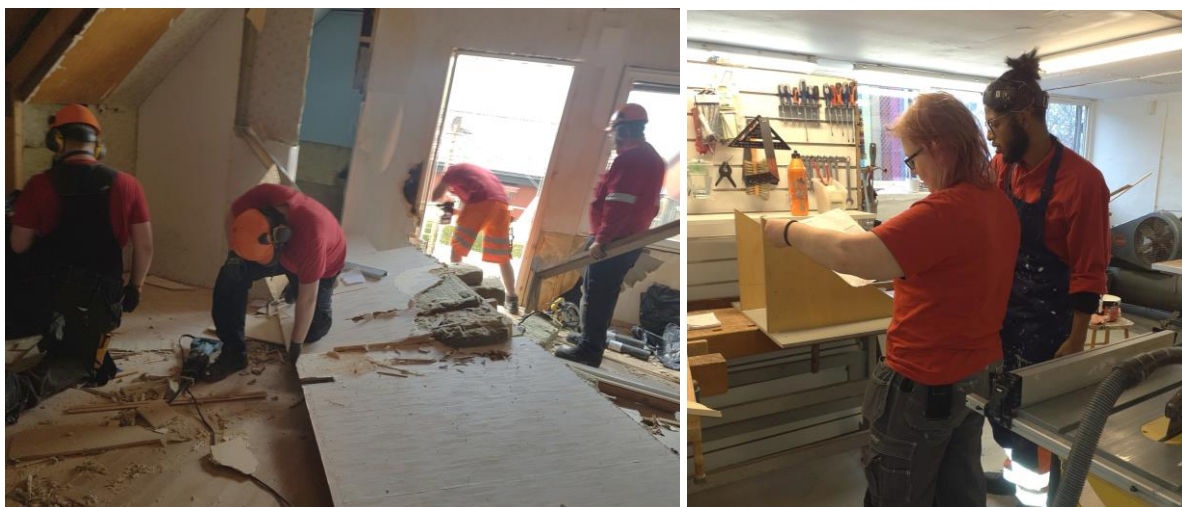


Manual work, supporting youth, and leadership

What is Nätverket SIP?

Several local NGOs with different aims and backgrounds create a network with plenty of weekly activities. All located in one big building. SIP stands for *Social change In Practice* and, as the name shows, SIP work is focused on building up a more equal and democratic society through new ideas that have an impact on the community. SIP works with areas such as youth, mobility, integration, accessibility, employment issues and norm critical thinking. There is an open-space office where employees, volunteers and interns with different backgrounds, skills, motivations and life situations work together on different projects.

We like to see SIP as an open-minded and creative workspace that helps people contribute to a better society and find solutions for social challenges, while also offering easy access to opportunities for personal development.



What the Practical Team at SIP does:

The practical team gives people with fewer opportunities the chance of learning how to work. This includes basics like working under a schedule or following specific work instructions. But also more practical knowledge about tools, constructing or secure work gear.

The team spends its workdays mainly outside, in any weather conditions, because here in Sweden we say there is no bad weather, only bad clothing.

As a volunteer you will work in the team together with the other team members, learning about carpentry, welding and construction. In addition to that, the projects also offer the volunteer the possibility to develop their leading skills by leading the practical team and supporting the members within it to come closer to the labor market.

The team members change from month to month and the target groups differ. There might be Swedish interns or short-term international volunteers as well as people who need work training before they are able to enter the labor market. You will have a mentor and supervisor who will be

the responsible persons for your project and tasks on a daily basis.

Within Network SIP (for example during the monthly meetings) you are also surrounded by many other people from the other organisations. It's also possible that you will also help other teams in the Network SIP during your volunteering.



Activities for volunteers:

Your tasks will include many practical tasks like:

- Constructing; screwing, painting, cleaning, digging, cutting wood as part of different projects
- Driving different cars with a trailer (e.g., go to the trash station or to buy material)
- Leading a team consisting of people with fewer opportunities
- Supporting your team members

We are looking for a volunteer who is:

- Motivated to learn Swedish
- Open minded
- Interested in supporting and leading others
- Able and motivated to work manually
- Enjoys working in a team with people from different backgrounds
- Flexible
- Interested in social work
- Not afraid of heights



Work-schedule:

The working time is from 9 am until 4 pm. The volunteers will be working for **35 hours per week** from Monday to Friday. The volunteer is encouraged to take courses in Swedish as not all the team members feel comfortable speaking English. The volunteer decides together with the supervisor the amount of time spent on learning it every week.

Besides **2 days off per week**, volunteers are granted with another 24 days off for 12 months (**2 days off per month**).



Food, accommodation, and transportation:

The volunteers will cook on his/her own. Therefore he/she will receive food money and pocket money every month. The pocket money will be **180 euros/month** and the food money will be around **2500 SEK/month**.

In the office, you can eat your homemade lunch together with colleagues or other volunteers in our lunchroom, and there are private spaces to change into working clothes. Apart from that, everything

in terms of tools and equipment is provided by us in Globala Kronoberg or Network SIP for any task that is carried out by the volunteer.

The volunteer will live in a shared house/apartment with other volunteers, students, or workers. He/She/they will have a single room and share the bathroom, a fully equipped kitchen, and other common areas. There is Wi-Fi in the accommodation. The housing is either situated inside the city of Växjö or in the surrounding towns of Växjö. The volunteer will be provided with a yearlong bus card or a bicycle to travel from home to the office, depending on the distance in between them.

Check out blog posts from other volunteers in Sweden:

Kerian, 2019/20: [Don't worry, sunny days will come](#)

Monika, 2019/20: [On Arrival Training - Welcome to Sweden](#)

Irene, 2020/21: [Living four seasons in Sweden](#)

Andrea, 2021/22: [How to prepare yourself for volunteering](#)



About Växjö and Kronoberg:

Växjö is a municipality of **80.000 inhabitants** in the region of Kronoberg, in the region of Småland in the south of Sweden. It is situated 3 hours by train from Copenhagen, Denmark and 4 hours from Stockholm, Sweden. Växjö municipality has been awarded with several international awards for its **environmental** work, including the European Green Leaf Award 2018 from the European Commission. Find out more about [Växjö](#), the greenest city in Europe, and the region of [Småland](#).

Application:

If you are interested in this project, you are welcome to send your CV and a motivation letter (both documents in English) to: globala@globalakronoberg.se Applications should be sent to us before the deadline in the [European Youth Portal](#).

Note that you should write "SIP Practical Team's project" in the email's subject, so we can easily recognize which project you are applying for. We're looking forward to receiving your application!