

## **Study visits in connection with the 2030 Agenda for Children: End Violence Solutions Summit,** 14–15 February 2018, Stockholm, Sweden

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In addition to the official programme, a number of study visits are being arranged in connection with the Summit, with the possibility of closer study of various Swedish activities that in different ways work on prevention and support, and spreading information about child rights and violence against children.

The study visits will take place on 15 February at 15.00–16.30. Each study visit is arranged separately and participants apply directly to each activity, by 9 February. As the number of places is limited, they will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Transport to each activity is arranged by the participants themselves. The study visits will be conducted in English.

Organisations offering study visits:

- **Barnahus Stockholm**

Barnahus is a model for collaboration between social services, the police, child psychiatry and the Swedish Prosecution Authority. The purpose is for children who have been subjected to crimes in the form of violence and/or sexual abuse to meet various authorities in one and same place that is adapted for children. These authorities collaborate to provide children with support and a reception that are as professional and cohesive as possible.

Stockholm City Social Services provides Barnahus with eight staff members (a total of some 80 people work at Barnahus, most of whom are police). One of the core tasks is to coordinate and lead the consultations that form the basis of handling cases at Barnahus. An important aspect is always highlighting the child's perspective. The staff members also work on consultation and provide support to local social services.

Barnahus is also working on a project to produce images to support conversations about violence for children who have communicative difficulties (Bildsamt). The project will be presented during the study visit.

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- **Ombudsman for Children in Sweden**

The Ombudsman for Children in Sweden is a government agency tasked with representing children regarding their rights and interests on the basis of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). The Ombudsman for Children monitors how the CRC is complied with in society and pushes for its implementation in Sweden's municipalities, county councils/regions and government agencies.

Every year, the Ombudsman for Children submits a report to the Government. This includes analyses and recommendations for improvements for children. The Ombudsman for Children shall, by law, provide information and build opinion on issues relevant to children's rights and interests.

The Ombudsman for Children has legal powers to request information and to summon parties to talks, but has no regulatory powers. The Ombudsman for Children may not interfere in individual cases, but does have a duty of notification.

Founded in 1993, the Ombudsman for Children in Sweden receives state appropriations every year and has around 25 employees.

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- **Stockholm City Crisis Centre for Women and Children**

The Crisis Centre is a sheltered accommodation for women and their children. The centre is run by Stockholm City itself and receives accompanying children up to the age of 18, both girls and boys. In addition to sheltered accommodation with a high degree of perimeter protection, the Crisis Centre offers psychosocial support and various social activities for the women and children.

A place at the centre is provided following a decision from social services. Children are not placed at the centre in a legal sense; they are there accompanying their mother.

The Crisis Centre has a clear focus on the child. The children staying there are offered the opportunity to process their experiences of violence in group and individual conversations. The child team at the Crisis Centre offer all preschool children some educational activities and school-aged children are offered schooling support. In their conversations with children, staff use various conversation methods specifically developed for conversations with children.

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- **Origo – resource centre to combat honour-related oppression and violence**

Origo is an inter-agency resource centre run cooperatively by all municipalities in Stockholm County, Stockholm County Council and Stockholm police region. It is currently the only organisation of its kind in Sweden, and works operatively and with the aim of knowledge enhancement to counter honour-related violence and oppression, with staff members who have cutting-edge expertise in the area.

The team consists of counsellors, social workers, a midwife and a police officer. Stockholm City is responsible for running expenses. Origo targets both young people between 13 and 26 who live in an honour context and the professionals who come into contact with young people within, for example, the school system, social services and the police. Young people who are concerned about their situation can ring or email Origo and receive advice, support and help, and when necessary be put in contact with social services.

Origo also provides knowledge-enhancing initiatives, training and conferences on honour-related violence and oppression for professionals. Origo also acts in an advisory and networking manner – professionals who are concerned for a young person or need help to handle a situation can contact Origo to receive guidance on the matter.

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- **The National Board of Health and Welfare**

The National Board of Health and Welfare is a government agency in Sweden under the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs.

The study visit/seminar will focus on: From early detection to protection and support – the Swedish system for safeguarding children.

The National Board of Health and Welfare provides knowledge-based guidelines, support and continuous professional development to professionals in social services and health care services in their responsibilities concerning a safe childhood.

The municipalities are responsible for securing children a safe upbringing. Professionals in health care services, preschool, school and other agencies have an obligation to report any suspicion of children at risk to social services. Certain agencies are recommended to screen for domestic violence, e.g. maternity care.

Social services make an assessment of the needs of children at risk and their families according to a structured system called BBIC. This will soon be complemented by a new structured assessment of risk and protection in case of domestic violence. It will provide a better ground for decisions based on the kind of protection and support needed.

The pathway from detection to different methods of support, recently applied to the Swedish context, will be described in this presentation.

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