

Understanding participation.

COST UAE Training School, Malmö 25-28/11/2012

Why do people take part in urban agriculture? / What benefits do they perceive? / What motivates urban gardeners?

The goal of the trainings school is to give the participants a better understanding of UA from the participating gardeners' perspective. Policies for UA must no doubt take the participants' perspective as a starting point. To work with, not against, the participants' interests is probably a success factor.

Malmö has a great variety of urban agriculture initiative, top-down initiatives as well as bottom-up. It has also a variety of examples of sustainable urban development initiatives. The city was one of the few invited cities to the exhibition of sustainable urban development at the World Expo 2010 in Shanghai. From the city' point of view UA is one of several paths that lead to sustainable urban development. Some of the urban gardeners might agree upon that, but others have more specific motives. There is not just one type of urban gardener. Why do people take part in urban agriculture? What benefits do they perceive? What motivates urban gardeners? These are the questions that the training school is going to deal with.

Each participant is expected to write a short paper on a case they have knowledge of. The paper shall deal with at least one of the questions above. The papers shall be sent in beforehand and be presented and discussed at a paper session the last day. After the training school each participant is expected to write a short paper either comparing the papers that has been presented or expanding their own papers with the theories and empirical observations they have done during the training school.

Programme

November 25

Exploring Malmö city and various examples of sustainable urban development on one's own hand.

November 26

Start of the training school

Field trip in Malmö city, lectures by urban planners and urban gardeners, discussions:

- Linnea Wettermark, urban gardening facilitator: Facilitating UA
- Sten Göransson, landscape architect: A policy for urban gardening on public land
- Gunilla Andersson, agronomist: A strategy for climate and food
- Mikael Wallberg, landscape architect, UA as a planning strategy for a new housing area

Group assignment: Summing up experiences and questions

Common lunch and dinner

November 27

Lectures

- Agr: Dr Märta Jansson: School gardens – usage and benefits
- MSc Josef Sjöberg: Urban agriculture and urban encounters
- Tekn. Dr Karin Grundström: A gender perspective on participation and places
- Yrd. Doc.Dr. Bahar Baser: Living out of UA – lessons from Istanbul (to be confirmed)
- Agr. Dr. Tim Delshammar: Urban gardening as a symbolic action

Group assignment: Summing up conclusions and questions
Common lunch and dinner

November 28

Paper sessions: presentation and discussion of papers
Common lunch

End of training school

Call & Application

Call for applications: 28/09/2012
Deadline for applications: 14/10/2012 send to: science.cost@la.rwth-aachen.de
Selection of participants by MC
Invitation to selected participants 22/10/2012
organisation of travel & accommodation by the participants

Participants Grant

A **Grant of 750 Euro** will be awarded to the selected participants to cover travel and subsistence costs. All costs exceeding this Grant are at the own expenses of the participants or their institutions.

Selection process

The training school is open to a maximum of 20 trainees.

All persons from COST UAE member countries already involved in the Action or planning to become involved can apply for participation in the training school. The selection of participants will be effected under the following priorities:

1. Early Stage Researchers (PhD students or PhD + 8 years) already actively involved in COST UAE
2. Early Stage Researchers already registered for the Action
3. Early Stage Researchers new to the Action
4. Participants of COST UAE without Early Stage Researcher status

Organisational Information

- Malmö is easy to reach by train or plane to Copenhagen. From Copenhagen central station or Copenhagen airport there is a direct train connection to Malmö. It leaves several times per hour and takes about 20 minutes.
- There is a number of hotels in Malmö that costs less than 800 S.kr per night
- Transportation from Malmö to the university campus on Tuesday and Wednesday will be arranged