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# Scientific Report Training School Malmö

Training school Malmö was arranged as a PhD-course with PhD students and other early stage researchers participating. The school was arranged in cooperation with Malmö city. The three days consisted of a mix of excursions, lectures and discussions (see attached schedule). The participants wrote a reflective paper before the event and a concluding one after. Aspects of UA that came up during the discussions were

- The importance of gardeners motivation: what role UA has for the individual gardener.
- Similarities between countries
- Differences between top down & bottom up
- How UA can increase the ecological value of urban green spaces.
- If UA needs to be permanent or if it can be temporary?
- How different municipal departments have different agendas and professional cultures.

Many other issues were treated in the individual papers.

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# Lecturers

Name	Affiliation
Gunilla Andersson	Malmö Municipality, agronomist at the Environmental department
Sten Göransson	Malmö Municipality, landscape architect at the Streets and Parks department
Mikael Wallberg	Malmö Municipality, landscape architect at the City Planning Office
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Märit Jansson	SLU, landscape architect:, PhD
MSc Josef Sjöberg	SLU, Geographer
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Bahar Baser	Okan University, Istanbul, landscape architect, PhD

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# Programm of the Training School

26th - 28th of November 2012

Monday November 26

8.45 Location: Malmö Central Station	Gathering before bus tour
9.00 - 12.00	<b>Bus tour to examples of urban agriculture in Malmö</b> Guides: Garden facilitators Linnea Wettermark and Göran Larsson from Odlä i stan (Grow in the City)
12.00 - 13.30	<b>Lunchbreak</b> Lunch at Jallatrappan Bus to Chokladfabriken
13.30 - 17.00 Location: Chokladfabriken	<b>Lectures and discussions</b> 13.30 <b>Gunilla Andersson</b> , agronomist at the Environmental department in Malmö: <i>A strategy for climate, food and social sustainability</i>  14.00 <b>Sten Göransson</b> , landscape architect at the Streets and Parks department in Malmö: <i>A policy for urban gardening on public land</i>  14.30 Coffee  15.00 <b>Mikael Wallberg</b> , landscape architect at the City Planning Office in Malmö: <i>Urban agriculture as a planning strategy for a new housing area (Hyllie)</i>  15.45 <b>Anna Krook</b> , landscape architect at the Streets and Parks department in Malmö: <i>Gender and place: reflections on use of public spaces and urban agriculture in Malmö</i>  16.30 Concluding discussion in groups: Lessons learned and questions raised
18.00	Dinner

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Tuesday November 27

8.30 - 11.00 Location: Chokladfabriken	<b>Lectures and discussions</b> 8.30 <b>Märil Jansson</b> , Dr. landscape architect: <i>What's the role of urban agriculture in schools?</i>  9.30 Coffee  10.00 <b>Josef Sjöberg</b> , Geographer, MSc : <i>Will a community garden facilitate encounters?</i>
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**11.00 - 14.00**  
Location: Slottsträdgården

**Lunch break**  
11.00 Walk to Slottsträdgården  
11.30 **John Taylor**, landscape engineer at the Streets and Parks department in Malmö:  
*A presentation of the garden, its history and its role today*

12.30 Lunch at Slottsträdgårdens café  
13.30 Walk to Chokladfabriken

**14.00 - 17.00**  
Location: Chokladfabriken

**Lectures and discussions**  
14.00 **Bahar Baser**:  
*Urban agriculture in Istanbul*

15.00 Coffee

15.15 **Tim Delshammar**, Dr, landscape architect:  
*An overview of Urban Agriculture in Sweden*

16.00 **Patricia Kettle**:  
*Urban agriculture initiatives in Dublin*

16.30 Concluding discussion in groups: Lessons learned and questions raised

18.00

**Dinner**

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### Wednesday November 28

**8.30 - 12.00**  
Location: Chokladfabriken

**Paper session 1**  
Three groups. Chairs: Paola Branduini (1); Paulsson Emma (2); Marion Ernwein (3)

**12.00 -13.00**  
Location: Chokladfabriken

**Lunch break**

**13.00-16.30**  
Location: Chokladfabriken

**Paper session 2**  
Three groups. Chairs: Paola Branduini (1); Paulsson Emma (2); Marion Ernwein (3)

**16.30-17.00**  
Location: Chokladfabriken

**Summary and evaluation**

18.00

**Dinner**



# Dokumentation of Training School Days

Monday November 26

9.00-12.00

## Bus tour to examples of urban agriculture in Malmö

Guides: Garden facilitators Linnea Wettermark and Göran Larsson from Odlä i stan (Grow in the City). The garden facilitators showed us a variety of small community gardens in the Seved and Rosengård districts. All of them are new, up to three years old.







## Lectures and discussions

13.30 **Gunilla Andersson**, agronomist at the Environmental department in Malmö:

*A strategy for climate, food and social sustainability.*

Gunilla Andersson is project leader for the sustainable food strategy in Malmö.

14.00 **Sten Göransson**, landscape architect at the Streets and Parks department in Malmö:

*A policy for urban gardening on public land.*

Sten Göransson is project leader for the participatory renewal of parks process.

15.00 **Mikael Wallberg**, landscape architect at the City Planning Office in Malmö:

*Urban agriculture as a planning strategy for a new housing area (Hyllie).*

Mikael Wallberg is project leader for the planning process for the new development area Hyllie.

15.45 **Anna Krook**, landscape architect at the Streets and Parks department

*Malmö: Gender and place: reflections on use of public spaces and urban agriculture in Malmö.*

Anna Krook is project leader for the public encountering project.

16.30 Concluding discussion in groups: Lessons learned and questions.



### Group one

- How long will the farmers be allowed to stay?
- Food + sustainability limited by regulations.
- 100% organic - ambitious.
- UA can increase the ecological value of urban green spaces.
- UA is a very social perspective on green space.
- Does UA need to be permanent or can it be temporary?

### Group two

- Importance of health and social benefits Almost nothing on the economic aspects & outputs
- Still sectorial policy. Different departments = different agendas & professional cultures.
- How to sustain itself? To maintain the projects? How to make them economically viable? Success of funding?
- To what extent do these projects go beyond the G? (gardeners??) Influence on professional gardeners? How does it fit in the green infrastructure?
- Temporary? Or does it need to be permanent?
- Position of professional farmers?
- Mix of bottom up & top down? Group three
- Putting UA in a new area = big challenge
- Top down approach to grass roots = hard to sell. Needs a mix of bottom up + top down.



### Group three

- Some things need to come from the roots – but top down can react to that need.
- Some growers see UA as potential for “social value” profits
- Gap between Rural and Urban planning perspectives – needed to know more about regulatory (???)
- Rational for sustainability = sustainability

## Tuesday November 27

### Lectures and discussions

8.30 **Märit Jansson**, Dr. landscape architect:

*What's the role of urban agriculture in schools?*

Märit Jansson is landscape architect and PhD. Her research interests are children's environment, playgrounds and school yards.

One of her current projects is in the transformation of school yards in Malmö.

10.00 **Josef Sjöberg**, Geographer, MSc :

*Will a community garden facilitate encounters?*

Josef Sjöberg works with a project about public encountering places, especially public urban gardens

### Visit at Slottsträdgården

11.30 **John Taylor**, landscape engineer at the Streets and Parks department in Malmö:

*A presentation of the garden, its history and its role today.*

John Taylor has been the head gardener for the public open garden, Slottsträdgården, for more than a decade. The garden is open to the public, but certain groups are specially invited, like schools, people who need work training or rehabilitation. There is also a friends of the garden society.

14.00 **Bahar Baser**:

*Urban agriculture in Istanbul.*

Bahar Baser is a landscape architect and PhD. Her current research is directed at urban agriculture in Istanbul, with a focus both on the historical roots of urban agriculture and an exploration of its role today.

15.15 **Tim Delshammar**, Dr, landscape architect:

*An overview of Urban Agriculture in Sweden.*

Tim Delshammar is a landscape architect and PhD. His current research is directed at the role of urban agriculture in the transformation of the district of Rosengård, Malmö.

16.00 **Patricia Kettle**:

*Urban agriculture initiatives in Dublin*

Patricia Kettle is a sociologist and a PhD-student. Her research is directed at understanding the role of urban agriculture in Dublin.

16.30 Concluding discussion in groups: Lessons learned and questions.



## Group one

Urban gardening is a leveling ground – different profiles ?  
motivations within the garden

Depends on the character      Profiles can overlap and change with time  
A personal sanctuary/retreat

A garden could have different affordances/ potentials

What is the role of institutions in all this

Nobody is forced to do a certain activity

Important: UA is not a new thing – it has roots but should be adopted  
to current needs

Why now? Why has it come into perspective – sense of control, normality.

Slovakia: Gardens are a place of relax – Different uses for various ages.

There is a large amount of similarities between countries.

Common area: new movement      Difference between top down & bottom up  
Different: institutions, involvement

## Group two

Binary opposition:      Actual access/perceived access  
Green/grey  
Outdoor/indoor      Order/disorder  
Continuity perspective      Change in the cityscape towards more disorder  
"special place"      Interactions/integration

Where are professional farmers in all this?

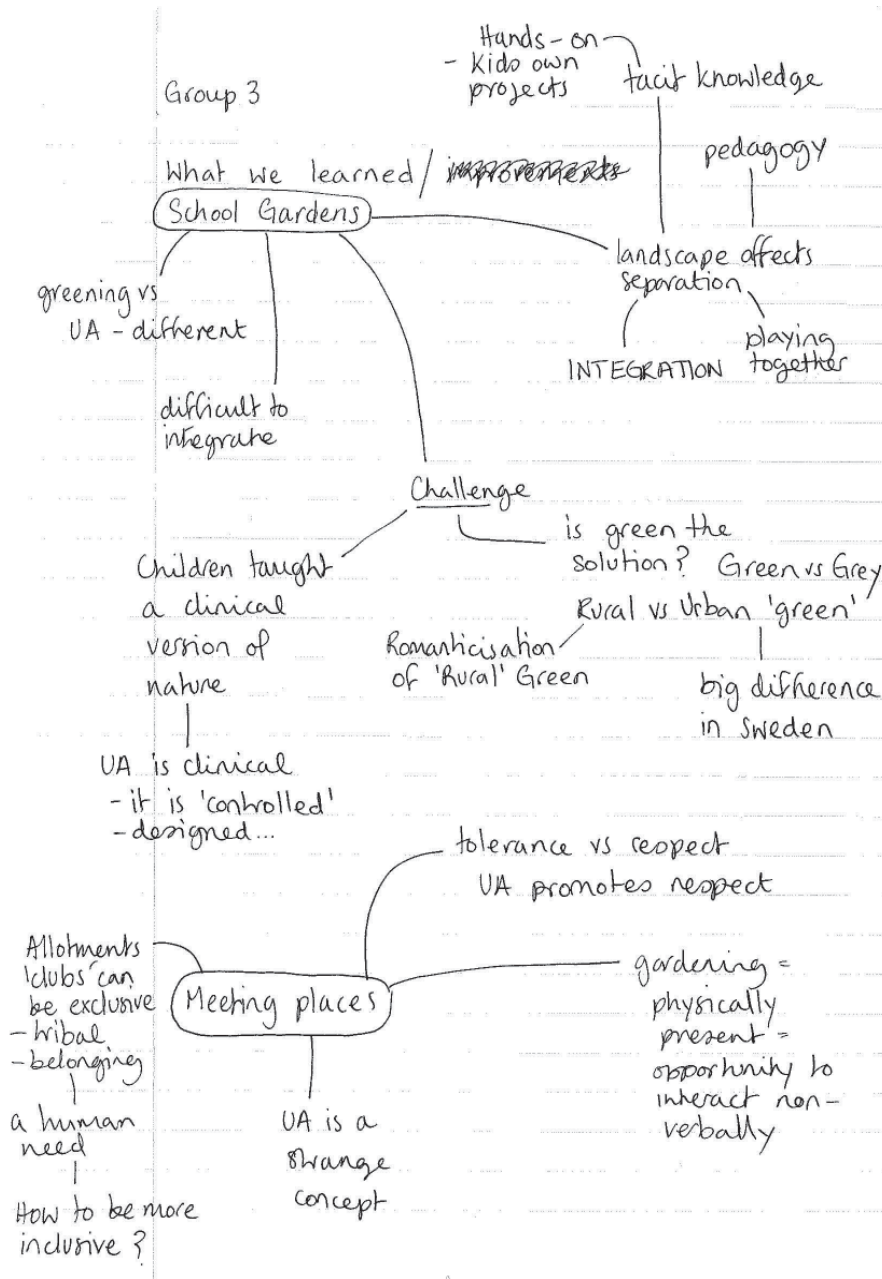
Question of access to food – to what kind of food?

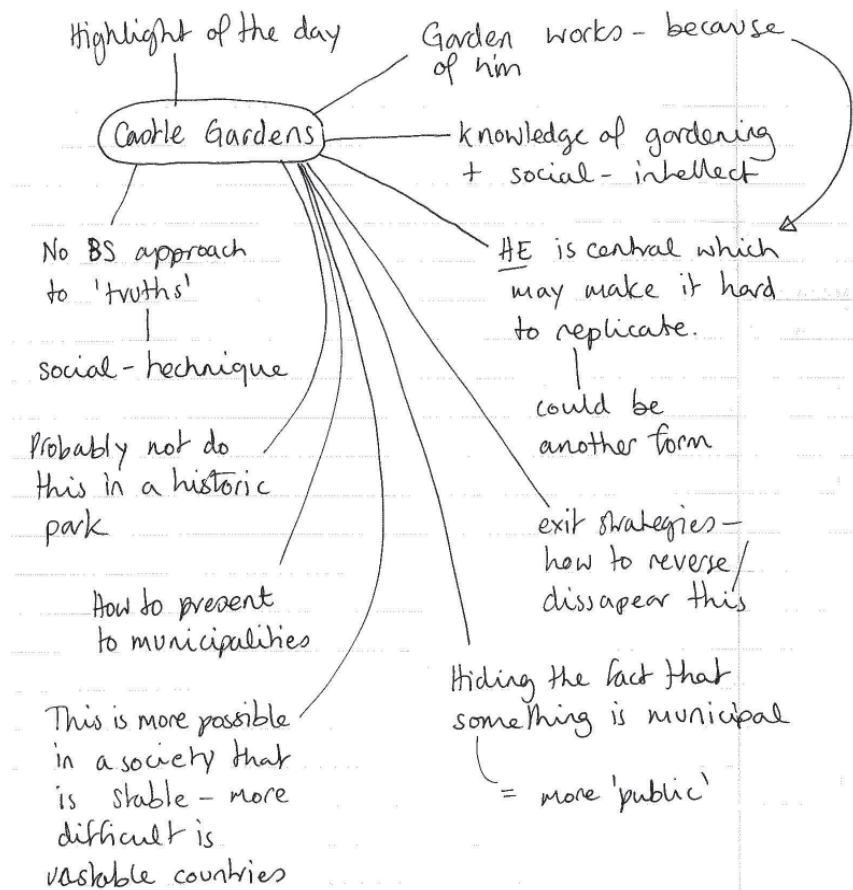
Is there an integrating policy?      What definition of "urban"?

What is the future of it? Where do they want it to go?



## Group three





movement towards agriculture during recession / recession

Changes of Regime = shift in interests & practices

Are we in a bubble?  
no impact

it works in Poland  
- meeting places etc

in Spain there is little communality UA

Allocments to deliver 'air'

only for old people?

Interpretations of UA

not true in practice

Istanbul - very interesting

with the same differences + similarities between Asia & Europe

education, awareness raising municipality

What was the aim

to present places to ensure they don't disappear

restore Bastano?

seems impossible to restore these...

## Wednesday November 28

### Paper session

**Bihunova Maria:** Allotment Gardens - past, present and future. Their role in society.

**Branduini Paola:** *Urban gardener and professional farmer: co-living in rural urban farm. The case of Milan*

**Chang Cheng:** *What motivate citizens to participate in Slottsträdgården?*

**Crowell Ciera:** *Gardening in Transition Spaces: Paris and Barcelona  
Bringing urban agriculture into the city via transition spaces in the peripheral motorways of major European Cities*

**Duží Barbora :** *Changing face of Urban Agriculture in the Czech Republic: from private to public*

**Ernwein Marion :** *Putting projects into practice: from project leaders' discourses to actual gardeners' motivations*

**Ferres Montse:** *The social, health and wellbeing benefits of allotments*

**Font Nuria:** *Urban agriculture in Sevilla (Spain). Fighting for multifunctional public spaces*

**Fors Hanna.:** *Public-private collaboration gives public-private benefits*

**Frixen Miryam:** *Urban Agriculture from a meta-level perspective*

**Henter Sibylle:** *Urban Gardening at Tempelhof – airport*

**Herkströter Kristine M.:** *"meine ernte" (my harvest) – a model of vegetable planting for citizens*

**Kettle Patricia:** *Growing you own and Growing Social Cohesion? A study of the social & civic impact of urban agriculture  
(UA) initiatives in Dublin: A case study of Pearse College Allotments*

**Murphy Melissa :** *Gardening for Glory: Herligheten in Oslo*

**Paulsson Emma;** *My City - Our City*

**Recasens Javier :** *Approximation for non-commercial farming in Barcelona region*

**Skaarup Kristian:** *PB43, Prags Have.*

**Suchocka Marzena :** *The role and importance of allotment gardens with examples of Polish research*

**Toth Attila :** *What is the role of UA in a traditional agricultural country like Slovakia?*

**Weissinger Helene :** *Personal motives and public objectives of community gardeners in the context of the structure and the official principles of the community.*









