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# CIF Sweden

# Professional exchange program April 22 – May 14 2022

CIF Sweden invites social workers and other professionals working in social services to participate in a three weeks program including introduction, theoretical orientation, fieldwork experience and evaluation.

CIF Sweden is a national branch of CIF, Council of International Fellowship, and was formed 1961. CIF-Sweden had its first program in 1978. CIF is a private, nonprofit, politically and religiously independent organization. The goal is to promote professional, cultural and educational exchange for social workers and professionals working in social services. The CIF-Sweden program is coordinated by volunteers, former CIF participants and with help from friends of CIF.



In the picture you see the participants in the 2019 program.

#### Introduction

The program begins in Stockholm where the participants live together and have a chance to get to know each other. Introduction of the program and some information about Swedish life and culture is given. There will be time for participants to share information about their home countries and professions. The participants move to host family living after the first weekend.



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#### Theoretical program

The theoretical program takes place in Stockholm and is an orientation and overview about Sweden, its political, educational and social welfare systems. Special emphasis is placed upon social work in Sweden and Swedish way of life. The program is a combination of seminars, study visits, cultural events and participants are involved in discussions to enhance their understanding of Sweden and Swedish culture. An important part is the cultural and professional exchange within the group of participants including experience and sharing in a multicultural group.

#### Fieldwork experience

During this part of the program the participants will go to different parts of Sweden and living in host families. The field placement is, due to the language barrier, based on agency visits, observations and meetings with colleagues that contributes to the cross-cultural exchange. If it's possible the placement is based on the participant's field of social work.

#### **Evaluation**

The evaluation takes place in Stockholm and the participants stay together in a hostel. The agenda includes evaluation and sharing of experiences and bringing the program to an end, including a farewell party.

#### **Relevant information**

- Applicants must have a minimum of 2 years of professional experience in the social work field.
- The maximum CIF number of participants is five.
- Sweden has no program fee
- Applicants have to be vaccinated against covid 19 and to enclose a valid certificate.
- Applicants have to be informed of any restriction due to the pandemic situation.
- Domestic travel and room and board is provided by CIF-Sweden.
- International travel expenses by boat, flight or train, including transfer to the harbour, airport or railwaystation and medical insurance is a participant responsibility.

### How to apply

- The deadline for application is 10 January 2022.
- The application form is found on CIF Sweden's or CIF International's website.
- Your application must go through your CIF national branch or Contact Person in your country.
- Send application directly to CIF-Sweden only if there is no CIF branch or Contact Person in your country.

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