



CIF-Sweden

Professional Exchange Program April 6–May 5, 2018 for 4–6 participants

CIF-Sweden invites social workers and other professionals working in social services to participate in a four-week program including introduction, orientation, study visits 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 other professionals working in social services. The CIF-Sweden program is coordinated by volunteers, former CIF participants and with help from friends of CIF.



The participants in the Swedish program 2017.

Introduction

The program begins in Stockholm where the participants live together for a weekend and learn to know each other. There will also be an introduction of the program and some information about Sweden, Swedish life and culture. The participants share information about their home countries and their profession. At the end of the weekend the participants move to host families.

Theoretical program

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

Placement in municipalities in different parts of Sweden

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

Evaluation

The evaluation takes place in Stockholm at the end of the four-week program. 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.

Applicant requirements and how to apply

- applicants must have a minimum of 3 years of professional experience
- 4–6 participants
- no program fee
- domestic travel and room and board is provided by CIF-Sweden
- international travel and medical insurance is a participant responsibility
- deadline for application, November 1, 2017
- application form is found on the CIF-Sweden or the CIF-International web site.
- application must go through your CIF national branch or Contact Person in your country
- send application directly to CIF-Sweden if there is no CIF branch or Contact Person in your country

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