



Invitation to the 2014 Ed *Summer Seminar*, June 24-26

Dear friends you are invited to join us for three days of action, reflection, dreaming, dialogue, co-creation, emergence, collegiality and fun in the rural setting of Ed. This annual event is sponsored by RCE West Sweden and is dedicated to open learning environments that explore matters of social sustainability and individual and collective action. In this setting you are invited to play the role of a modern poet, social shaman and collective researcher. The poet dreams up new stories, the shaman crosses boundaries, the researcher reflects, reports and builds capacity. In short the *Summer Seminar* is a social learning laboratory and we hope you can join us as we co-create new futures for ourselves, our communities and our world.

Overview

The *Summer Seminar* is organised around the principle of the ensemble in which open space technology (See PDF on blog¹) allows for the following of a wide range of paths through the seminar. Open space allows for the play of self-expression and collective learning to become the dominant mode of interaction in the Seminar. On Wednesday afternoon/evening we plan to do an excursion/public event at the west coast where the threads from the process will be intertwined with comments from our international guests.

After lunch on the third day of the Summer Seminar we will have a focused session in which we explore the ideas of the Open Space sessions and weave them together as part of the platform for our ongoing research program within RCEWS. The challenge is to develop ways to empower individuals and their communities within the RCE network. We are not looking for answers but for processes.

Open Space Technology

¹ Downloadable from <http://elementaleducation.com/wp-content/uploads/temp/OpenSpaceTechnology--UsersGuide.pdf>

Open Space invites everyone to have a say and work with those who care about what they care about. It is committed to the play of interaction and is ideal for ensemble making where many come together and make something new, unique and surprising. The key is engagement in all this. There is no right or wrong, there is only the play of process as we explore together the passions, thoughts and hopes the gathering brings into the Summer Seminar.

Futures Focus

The *Summer Seminar* is futures focused. We understand that there is no one future but that we create our futures together. The future is in us now and will emerge as we enact what we believe, yet often our beliefs are limited by habit and conditioning. The seminar, by playfully engaging with hope, passion, creativity and also the futures thinking needed to create optimal futures for all, is a safe and collaborative space to research what lies beyond the closed futures of our modern world.

So we invite you to join us for the Summer Seminar – this is where we can challenge our habits, explore our hopes and find others to collaborate with in our quest for more sustainable and diverse futures.

Place: Gamla Real Ed Sweden

When: Tuesday the 24th of June – Thursday the 26th of June

Price: 20 Euros per day which includes all meals and conference venue. Accommodation is not included

Signing up: need to be done **15th of May** at the latest by sending an email to Miriam.sannum@sv.se, ase.bjurstrom@hv.se or mbussey@usc.edu.au

Questions can be directed to Miriam, Åse or Marcus on the mail addresses above.

Food: We will do the vegetarian cooking together (voluntary).



Preliminary programme in short:

Coffee, tea, fruit and snacks will be available during the whole seminar.

Day 1, the 24th of June

- 08.30 Drop-in breakfast
- 10.00 Take off Summer Seminar 2014
- 13.00 Lunch
- 17.00 Summing up and embodiment of day 1
- 19.00 Supper

Day 2, the 25th of June

- 08.00 Options: breakfast/yoga/Nia/out door walk/other offers
- 09.30 Start up gathering day two
- 13.00 Lunch
- 16.00 Summing up and embodiment
- 17.00 Supper
- 19.00 Excursion/Public event

Day 3, the 26th of June

- 08.00 Options: breakfast/yoga/Nia/out door walk/other offers
- 09.30 Start up gathering day 3
- 12.00 Lunch
- 13.00 Summing up and embodiment
- 14.00 Closing Summer Seminar 2014
- 15.00 End

Start and ending times are choosen so it will make it easy for those of you who plan travelling with train transportation.

There are several kinds of accommodations located in walking distance from Gamla Real.

Cabins at the camping area for rent:

Gröne backe Camping

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