

A wide-angle photograph of the Stockholm harbor and cityscape, showing the water, buildings, and a large ship in the foreground.

Outreach work for Childrens protection

Social workers in the streets of Stockholm

Mission

- Days, evenings, nights and weekends engage in social outreach work with children and adolescents. The mission is to prevent that children and young people get into addictions, crime, prostitution or other socially destructive behaviour. To ensure that children and adolescents and their families have access to appropriate support and treatment.

Different kinds of outreach work

- The unit carries out two types of outreach work.
 1. Social workers who are specially trained to work with young offenders. They cooperate with police and prosecutors. They also work with young people in custody.
 2. Social workers in the city engaged in social outreach work with children and adolescents - high-risk environments in the streets of Stockholm.



The project

We needed new ways to identify exploited children.

2010 - We applied for funding's from the County Administrative board in Stockholm.

- The project aimed to describe the number of children that are exploited in the streets of Stockholm and to describe the exploitation purposes.
- The work took place between May and November 2010.



What did we do?

- Schedules
- Responsible social worker
- Weekly meetings
- Glossary
- Flyers
- Map
- Checklist
- Forms
- Meetings



Results

- 55 shifts
- 194 flyers
- 8 tips
- 3 children
- 12 pins on the map
- From Romania
- 3 reports to social workers
- 1 police report
- Playing music or begging



Experiences and problems

- No mandate to verify
- To act urgently for the social services
- No police officers
- Laws
- Support
- To see the problem
- The entire chain of operations
- Discussions in the group



Case analysis

- What happened?
- Could we have done better?
- How can we work in the future?



Thank you!

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