

ESC IN FUNKIBATOR IDEELL FÖRENING

VÄXJÖ



Coordinating, hosting and events

Everyone should feel welcome at Funkibator! We work for an inclusive environment where everyone should feel at home and that you fit in. Society is already so structured and square, so that's why our organisation is round and a little more personal touch is needed. Join us and be yourself!

About Funkibator Ideell Förening:

Funkibator Ideell Förening is a local association started in 2011 and is the result of a development center project called [Funkibator](#). In the county of Kronoberg there are only a few youth organizations within the field of disability, so we decided to start one ourselves. It's a regional organization and our main target group is children, youth, and young adults and people up to the age of 40. Funkibator Ideell Förening is for people regardless of diagnosis as we want to focus on the activities and not the diagnosis.

Our goal is to become a national organization and establish the organization all over Sweden. We offer different activities in the organization and our motto is that it should be concrete, fun and social. Some of our activities include leisure activities for young people with disabilities, for example monthly activities such as mini educations, inspirational meetings. Other activities have included arts and crafts, movie night, summer camp, social gatherings, study visits etc. We feel it is important that our target group meet new people and gain a bigger network, both digitally and in real life. We also cooperate with Växjö municipality and offer summer jobs for disabled youth.

The office of Funkibator association is close to the city center of Växjö and even closer to the bus and train station. The offices are wheelchair accessible.

What is the Network SIP?

We are part of the [Network SIP](#), which is an umbrella network of organizations with different aims and backgrounds and plenty of weekly activities we all can take part in. SIP stands for *Social change In Practice* and, as the name shows, SIP's work is focused on building a more equal and democratic society through new ideas that have an impact on the community. SIP works with areas such as youth, mobility, integration, accessibility, employment issues, and norm critical thinking. We work in an openspace office where employees, volunteers and interns with different backgrounds, skills, motivations and life situations work together on different projects. We like to see SIP as an open-minded and creative workspace that helps people contribute to a better society and find solutions for social challenges, while also offering easy access to opportunities for personal development.

Activities for the volunteer:

A few years back the Network SIP bought a big house and the vision has been to be an activity house, called *Mästeriet*, which is open for the public and civic society where we are hosting activities such as yoga, artwork, gaming nights, organizing meetings for associations and municipalities, children's activities and birthday parties. The volunteer will help to coordinate these activities happening in our Activity house, meeting leaders, showing our equipment and put their activities in our schedule.

In addition to that, the volunteer will plan and lead their own workshops, develop projects, and express their own ideas. There will also be a multitude of other tasks that the volunteer will do in between the main tasks.

Examples of tasks:

- Prepare rooms and equipment for activities lead by others; physical or online
- Keep in contact with existing activity leaders
- Meet with people who are interested in hosting activities in our facility
- Coordinate old and new activities,
- Open and close our facilities on evenings and weekends
- Create social media posts
- Meet with potential new activity leaders that wants to lead SIP's own activities
- Help create an inclusive environment where everybody is welcome
- Socialize with visitors
- Organize your own workshops and activities
- Participation in joint projects and activities such as leading activities together with others and assisting with its organization such as the Pride parade and SIP's joint Christmas party

→ You will also join other teams in the Network SIP during your volunteering, such as the maintenance team. Throughout that you get the chance to develop more skills and meet other people working in our house. These can include more practical tasks like constructing, screwing, painting or driving with a trailer. This is mainly a preparation for the summer when you will be leading a group of young people of summer workers and work manually with them. You can also help out in TLC (Tender Loving Caring, a pet organization in SIP) by joining dog walks, preparing a fika with dogs or feeding and cuddling the animals.

We are looking for a volunteer who:

- is open and flexible, sociable, and sees themselves as responsible and independent
- is interested in coordinating and project management
- enjoys working and communicating with all types of people and wants to be creative, forward and active
- takes initiative and thinks outside the box
- is interested in inclusion, entrepreneurship and social questions
- is respectful of others and are willing to make an effort to adapt to different and new situations and activities
- is interested in working within and have some knowledge about the field of disability
- likes to communicate and interact with the target group
- is interested in developing their own initiatives and activities
- enjoys working in a team with people with different backgrounds and needs
- has a driver's licence (not required but desirable)



Work-schedule and team:

The volunteer will be working for a maximum **35 hours per week**, usually during evenings and weekends, but sometimes on weekdays as well.

The volunteer are encouraged to take courses in Swedish, and the volunteer decides together with the supervisor the amount of time spent on learning it every week.

Besides **2 days off per week**, volunteers are granted with another 24 days off for 12 months (2 days off per month).

Food, accommodation and transportation:

Funkibator cooperates with Globala Kronoberg who is a coordinating organization within ESC. They will be responsible for the volunteer's living situation and ensure that the minimum standards are met.

The volunteers will cook on his/her own. Therefore he/she will receive food money and pocket money every month. The pocket money will be **180 euros/month** and the food money will be around **2500 SEK/month**. In the office, you can eat your homemade lunch together with colleagues or other volunteers in our lunchroom, and there are private spaces to change into working clothes if needed. Apart from that, everything in terms of tools and equipment is provided by us in Funkibator or the Network SIP for any task that is carried out by the volunteer.

The volunteer will live in a shared house/apartment with other volunteers, students or workers. He/She will have a single room and share the bathroom, a fully equipped kitchen and other common areas. There is Wi-Fi in the accommodation. The housing is either situated inside the city of Växjö or in the surrounding towns of Växjö. The volunteer will be provided with a yearlong bus card or a bicycle to travel from home to the office, depending on the distance in between them.

About Växjö and Kronoberg:

Växjö is a municipality of **80.000 inhabitants** in the region of Kronoberg, in the region of Småland in the south of Sweden. It is situated 3 hours by train from Copenhagen, Denmark and 4 hours from Stockholm, Sweden. Växjö municipality has been awarded several international awards for its **environmental** work, including the European Green Leaf Award 2018 from the European Commission. Find out more about [Växjö](#), the greenest city in Europe, and [Småland](#).



Check out blog post of former volunteer:

Sarah, 2021/22: [Working at Funkibator: a weekly tour of my life as a volunteer](#)

To know more about Funkibator:

Check the website: <https://www.funkibator.se/>

Funkibator in a nutshell-movie: https://youtu.be/v3quodu_yj8

Sarah, 2021/22: [How to handle the long winter in Sweden](#) n [Some more blog posts about volunteering in Sweden in general:](#)

Isabelle, 2021/22: [Hej Sverige, what a shock?!](#)

Andrea, 2021/22: [How to prepare yourself for volunteering](#)

Irene, 2020/21: [Living four seasons in Sweden](#)