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Norrköping

## Invitation

The Municipality of Norrköping, in partnership with REMESO at Linköping University, and the think tank Arena Idé, invite you to the conference

### Welcoming Refugees – Local European Experiences

*In recent years, large numbers of refugees have made their way to Europe. To receive these people and offer them a safe place to stay poses major challenges for European municipalities. In Norrköping, we are driven by a desire to be a welcoming city, where people in need of protection have good opportunities to live and work.*

*The large number of newly arrived refugees poses new challenges. Norrköping invites cities and municipalities who share our welcoming vision, to a conference to exchange experiences and working methods on the basis that a generous approach is possible.*

*We hope that the conference with its focus on recent research, best practice, and the possibility of building new networks in the field, will give us the knowledge and inspiration we need for our common experiences to create improved reception of refugees as well as socially sustainable cities.*



*Lars Stjernkvist, Initiativtagare  
Chair of the Municipal Executive Board*

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## The conference

Norrköping invites politicians and officials in European municipalities, as well as researchers in the social sciences, to join us for a two-day conference to discuss best practices and innovative solutions for receiving refugees in our cities.

The conference will provide new insights into different aspects of the reception of newly arrived refugees and will also offer opportunities to:

- Learn about new research in the field and discuss the topics with researchers
- Participate in workshops to share your own best practice, and learn about how other municipalities take on challenges of receiving new refugees (the need for jobs, housing, education, language skills, etc.)
- Build networks and find new partners for future projects

Participating researchers will also have the possibility to find interesting cases, partners or topics for further research.

<b>Time:</b>	January 25th – January 27th 2017
<b>Language:</b>	The conference will be held in English
<b>Venue:</b>	Louis de Geer Conference Centre, Norrköping, Sweden

For more information and to register, please go to [www.welref17.se](http://www.welref17.se)

## About the partners

Arena Idé is an independent think tank funded primarily by the Swedish trade union movement. Arena Idé is part of the Arena Group.

The Institute for Research on Migration, Ethnicity and Society (REMESO) is an institute at Linköping University in Norrköping.