

TillsammansTala/ Speak together

Monthly Integration Dialogue Events

Sweden is home to a rich mix of people, cultures, and languages. Despite this diversity, many residents feel disconnected from each other due to differences in language, culture, and age. "TillsammansTala /Speak Together" aims to create a welcoming space for dialogue and storytelling around shared human experiences. By meeting on common ground and discussing universal themes, strangers can connect through empathy, curiosity, and shared values. This fosters deeper social integration and understanding across communities.

Event Design: - Speak together will be a recurring event series held once a month at Frölunda Kulturhus/Axeldahls huset, or a similarly accessible large public space. Each month will highlight a new theme aimed at sparking curiosity, reflection, and exchange between participants. Sessions will include:

A brief talk or storytelling segment

Interactive workshops or group discussions

Free fika (coffee, sandwich, juice)

Languages spoken: Participants are encouraged to use the language of their heart. Translators will be available on-site for Swedish, English, Arabic, Somali, Kurdish, and Polish to ensure everyone is included.

Example themes: -

- 1.) How do multiple languages shape our personality?

Target: Youth & Adults

Format: Talk + Language workshop

- 2.) What is "Home Food" and how does it shape our identity?

Target: All ages

Format: Story sharing + food memories

- 3.) Favorite places in and around Gothenburg

Target: All ages

Format: Map-based storytelling

- 4.) Stories from Olden Days Sweden

Target: Seniors & Kids

Format: Seniors share memories, pre-internet stories

- 5.) My Day 1 in Sweden

Target: All ages

Format: Storytelling circle

Target Audience: - Adults and youth from all cultural and linguistic backgrounds

Newcomers to Sweden and long-time residents

Seniors, children, and intergenerational participants

Goals & Impact- Encourage social integration through shared human stories

Create a space where language and culture are assets, not barriers

Strengthen community bonds across generations and ethnic lines

Promote civic participation in a welcoming, informal setting

Estimated Monthly Budget

Item Cost Estimate (SEK) Venue (Frölunda Kulturhus/ Axeldahlshuset) Free

Staffing (moderator, translators, tech) 12,000 Fika for 40 participants 2,500 Total per event 3,500 Estimated yearly cost (12 events): 100,000 SEK

Staffing Plan 1 Event Coordinator / Moderator

3–5 On-site Translators (SE, EN, AR, SO, KU, PL)

2 Event Logistics & Tech Assistants

Volunteers to support with fika and registration

Suggested Partners & Support Channels

Invånarguider Sydväst

Local Libraries & Kulturhus

Studieförbund (e.g., Bilda, ABF, Sensus)

Civic NGOs (e.g. Red Cross)

Göteborgs Stad - Kulturstöd or Medborgarbudget