

As Skellefteå increasingly attracts new workers to the city, the question of how to develop an inclusive society becomes vital for building a new work force and a new community. Skellefteå municipality is boldly opening up spaces for new dialogue about its rapid expansion and social integration. Through the lens of the development in Skellefteå, Team Moving North raises questions about migration, social cohesion and displacement, questions that concern migration legislation at the local, regional, national and EU level.

MOVING NORTH 2022

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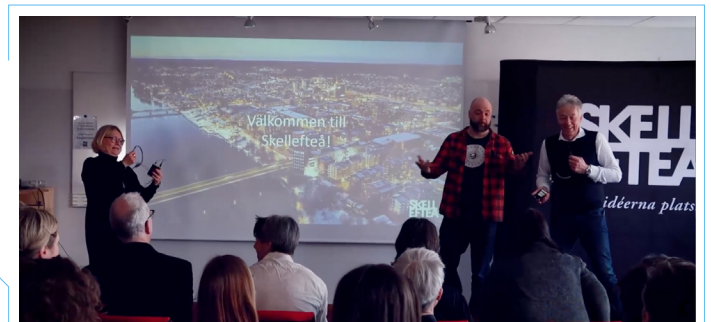
1. 'Actually, I think I am here mainly because I am interested in understanding Europe today from its peripheries and not from its center...'
– Sandi Hilal
2. 'Inclusion, from a completely different side; that if there is still hope in Europe, I hope that it can come from the (peripheries)'
– Sandi Hilal

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3. 'When we were at the meeting yesterday, listening in ... as a Skelleftebo, it was very mixed emotions, it was excitement, it was even some.. anger...'
– Emmy Nelson



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4. '... I want to show you the parts that we didn't see yesterday.. I want you to meet all the lovely people that I know that captivate the diversity of Skellefteå today.'
- Marina Långdahl

BOLIDEN FOLKETHUS

28.5 km

SKELLEFTEÅ



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- 5. 'I would like to tell the story of a woman... staying in a state of limbo since 9 years... and she was looking at me and she says: you know, I want really to work...'
– Sandi Hilal

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- 6. 'A lot of Swedish public money has been put into these people, and it would be a waste of public money if we don't understand who they are, analyze the territory and figure out the potential of what we have already in the north...'
– Sandi Hilal



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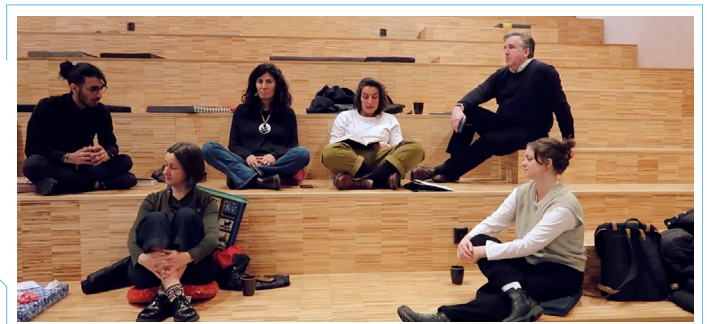


- 7. 'We are in a building, that is huge and empty. If it is to be a culture house or a peoples house then it is no longer acceptable for displaced people to be marginalized... we are sitting in the space conceptually and literally which is set up to be the center of the community and I would like to be sitting next to them.'
– Robert Mull

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- 8. 'We need to go through the processes that by nature exclude people, and make them afraid of talking..'
– Navid Ghafouri



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- 9. 'It's extremely important first to acknowledge and then to act. And then understanding that our acts are so small and tiny, they would not change society. Yet I think they are extremely important because they might create a domino effect.'
– Sandi Hilal

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10. '... perhaps there are some key policy principles that we could put together in recipe to go forward..' - Ele Carpenter

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11. 'to bring migration officers, people from the municipality, people from different backgrounds, stateless people, trusted people... I mean all what we can do to create a great recipe together' - Sandi Hilal

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12. 'I just think it's time that displaced populations were given the same protected status in law... as other protected groups, because they are vulnerable.' - Robert Mull

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13. 'I think what Skellefteå needs is a new story... defining this process as a project, that this is something that is happening. It should not be one or two meetings here and there..' - Sangram Shirke

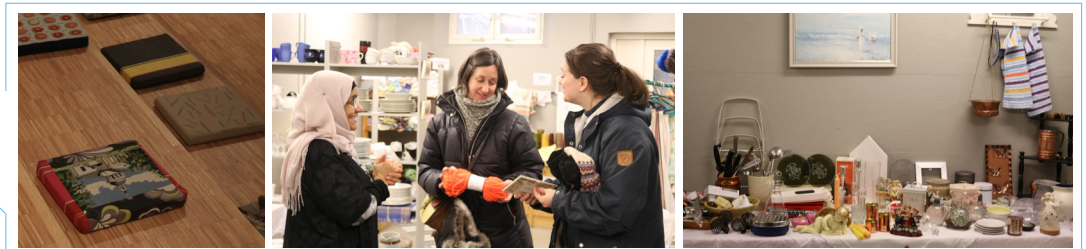


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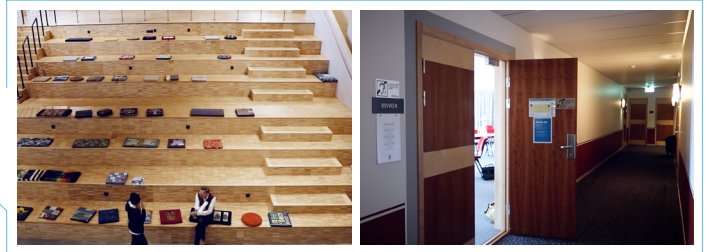
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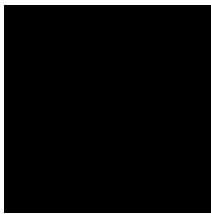
14. '... perhaps part of the project is supporting, training and advising the kind of people that would be able to make a valuable contribution to the planning process.' - Ele Carpenter



TO KOMMUN



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A discussion about responsibility for change

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16. 'Everyone says, "we think".. But what are the principles? Could we think for a moment...'
- Robert Mull



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17. 'For me, I think one of the biggest problem is lack of public transportation. It's such a divided city.'
- Linda Sandberg

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18. 'Instead of giving them theory and then they have to practice, what we are proposing is to practice...'
- Sandi Hilal

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19. '...it's about explaining, both the beauty of it but also the challenges... the soul of the village.. the little timber houses.. bringing people into the city from the countryside.. we've seen the potential of interesting buildings and urban pockets.'
- Amalia Katopodis



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20. 'I see this as ten specific commissions that would show us what can work and what can work less.'
- Sandi Hilal

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In March 2022 the Moving North team spent three days in Skellefteå meeting people from the Kommun, listening to new employees at the Northvolt Factory and displaced people living in Boliden, just 28Km out of town. This short immersion in the city and its people was a fascinating and enjoyable experience. Our visit revealed the huge potential of these communities and the need to integrate social and environmental development to create a sustainable future. The resulting conversations, reflections and ideas are captured in a short film which is the main vehicle for our proposal. This pdf document provides a storyboard for the film, capturing just a few of the main points. For an understanding of our method, experience and proposals please watch the film.

We hope that further research into these issues can be funded to support long term engagement and demonstration projects that represent a real commitment to the diverse communities we were privileged to meet.

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