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CURRENT PROJECT PROPOSAL IN SOCIAL INTEGRATION (in English and Swedish)

## Competence center for children's need for family life in accordance with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

<http://www.developyourcity.com/challenge/26>

The Government has decided that the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) should be incorporated into Swedish law. Sweden is already bound by the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR), which in article 8 gives children the right to family life. This right is violated with increasing frequency in the context of parental conflict and separation. More and more children and young people are growing up without society protecting their need for continuous and adequate contact with both parents throughout childhood and adolescence. Intergenerational contact is an important factor both in the quality of life of the family and in the psychosocial health and maturity of the child.

To meet this social health obligation, Sweden requires a central center of clinical expertise. The center should be an organization for research, information, prevention and rehabilitation. Treatment programs for intergenerational family integration and reunion of children with the lost parent should be developed in consultation with leading international actors.

The project can collaborate with parents' organizations for the elderly in order to raise both their and the general public's interest in children's need for the family as a breeding ground for relationships, growth and personal development. This can be done with the support of the extended family and involve grandparents who desire contact with the grandchildren they miss.

A platform for dialogue between research and experience, theory and practice, academia and authorities should help to bridge the implementation gap. The goal is to construct a training course with inbuilt possibilities for skills renewal and further study for experienced and newly recruited professionals. International networks and specialist conferences are important for accessing and importing the latest discoveries from the frontlines of expertise which are now dispersed across leading countries (Canada, United States, Australia, etc.).

Project Syndicate Blog: *Big Changes Needed In Nordic Family Policy* by Nils-Göran Areskoug

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## ARRESKOW

*The Arreskow Family Association* serves to promote social values in society and cultivates a family-based Nordic heritage anchored in a richly diverse history. The name goes back to a castle in Denmark, once residence under the first Christian royal dynasty of the Nordic countries. (Wikipedia: "Arreskow (släkt)")

## ARE AKADEMI

*Are Akademi* is a productive effort to develop a series of interdisciplinary projects centered around network collaboration connecting society, business, academia and arts. Its aim is to building a project Arena for Social Dialogue and Value-focused Knowledge Integration. It focuses on integrating culture and science for the quality of life and health on a high level.

## NILS-GÖRAN ARESKOUG

Nils-Göran Areskoug is a Swedish medical doctor, musician and interdisciplinary scholar. With five academic degrees (MD PhD MBA MFA BA) he holds appointments as Associate Professor in Transdisciplinary Studies at Strömstad Academy, Sweden. He has also lectured and consulted widely for private and public organizations, and served as expert evaluator for EU research programmes. His projects are currently sponsored by Torsten Söderberg Foundation, Stockholm. AS an artist he is an expert in the field of excellence in performance, skilled as a pianist improviser and composer with his *Symphony for Peace* with poems by Dag Hammarskiöld. (Wikipedia in English: Nils-Göran Areskoug)

## PROFILE AT INTERNET PORTAL OF KTH

Portfolio of programs and activities with links to AreScope interscience blog, ResearchGate, Project Syndicate, Libris and Are Akademi (etc) at:

[www.kth.se/profile/ngar](http://www.kth.se/profile/ngar)



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