



REGIONFÖRBUNDET  
ÖREBRO



**Brighter futures**  
**Building effective partnerships to end child poverty**

**STUDY VISITS**

**Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> November 2010

**Time:** 8h30-12h00

**Organised by:** Örebro Municipality

The study visits are organised to illustrate examples of good practice under four policy priority areas<sup>1</sup>:

- early years education and care;
- children in alternative care;
- family and parenting support;
- and children's participation.

<b>Early Years</b>	
'Violen' – The Violet	Public day care centre for pre-school children aged 12 months up to five years (38 children in total). Participants will hear about how staff work with:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Children's participation and influence</li><li>• Environment and open air activities</li><li>• Gender</li></ul>
Bollen – The Ball	Public child day care centre for preschool children in a multi-cultural area, Brickebacken in Örebro. This preschool has implemented the 'International Child Development Programme' as a method in their daily work. ICDP aims to draw attention to the child and influence the interactions that are constantly going on in meeting with teachers in preschool and school. It is a health promoting approach based on treating children and adolescents according to the UNCRC.
<b>Children in alternative care</b>	
Child protection & foster care in Örebro	Örebro Municipality Social Welfare Office. We will get a presentation of the Swedish BBIC-system, Children's Needs In Focus, based on the British ICS-system. The BBIC is a framework for assessment, planning and reviewing in child welfare. We will also get a presentation of the municipality's organization for foster care.
Open team for family support	A visit to an open center for family support, a part of the social welfare system in Örebro Municipality. We will meet a social work team working with family therapy, environmental therapy and social support for families with children at risk and families with special needs.

<sup>1</sup> These are the four topics addressed by Eurochild's thematic working groups

Pionjären – The Pioneer	Pionjären is one of two homes for unaccompanied asylum seeking children in Örebro. You will visit this home and get a presentation how Örebro Municipality works with these children.
Örebro Women's Shelter & Save the Children	A visit to a women shelter. The visit includes a presentation on how they meet and work with children in the shelter and how they work together with Örebro's local Save the Children to implement a child perspective in the shelter.
<b>Family and parenting support</b>	
Family center Baronbackarna	A visit to an open family centre in Baronbackarna, a part of Örebro where 75% of all children have foreign background. The family centre is an integrated centre with maternity healthcare, child health, open pre-school and social work activities. The centre is a meeting place where parents and children meet for play and social interchange and to get social support when needed.
Knuffen (The Push) open youth clinic	A visit to an open clinic for teenagers and young adults offering support and counselling. Knuffen will give a presentation of how different professionals reach and how they work with young people at risk of psychological or mental health problems.
Sputnik/ Unga mammor och pappor (Young mothers and fathers)	A visit to a centre in central Örebro offering support and counselling for young mothers and fathers and to children in families with drug problems. The centre is part of Örebro Social Welfare.
Perrongen - The Platform	Perrongen is a center for refugees arriving to Örebro. Children, young people and parents come to Perrongen for a first assessment before getting a placement in the ordinary school system with possibility to get special education services and mother tongue training.
Örebro University – Center for Developmental Research	Researcher Nikolaus Koutakis will give a presentation of his research on parent support: Is it cost effective for a community to offer all parents basic parent support e.g. parent education courses where they learn how they can promote a good development and how to prevent a negative one? Koutakis argues it is, in the seminar you will learn what strategies to use, strategies that are supported by research.
<b>Participation</b>	
Ungdomsdialogen – The Youth Dialogue	Visit to Örebro City Hall in the city center. A meeting with young people and politicians with information about the municipality's work with youth dialogue and with Örebro Youth Parliament.
Örebro University – ICU, Interests in Children's Understanding - Young students as partners in research	In this seminar you will meet young students active as partners in research. A research circle with students from primary and secondary schools and Jeanette Åkerström, Phd student, will present the results of a study with 100 other students which they conducted in some primary and secondary mainstream and special schools in Örebro. The study is about participation and vulnerability in school.

Conference website at [www.eurochild.org](http://www.eurochild.org)