

Animating our "outdoors" through teaching and learning.

Project report

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First meeting, Jan 8th

The project started as planned with a lunch-meeting where the four of us agreed on the schedule for the project. Our discussions around the topic of outdoor teaching around the Alnarp Campus revealed several ideas for cross-sectional work taking the different work- and teaching spots of the Campus as a point of departure. We decided on a series of lunch-meetings in the shape of "walk-and-talks" around our chosen premises.

Jan 9th

Project group, first meeting with Andrea.

Second meeting, March 8th

Afternoon meeting, drafting our meetings, planning for the Ultuna Landscape day workshop:

Outdoor Teaching in Everyday Landscapes – A Rolling Workshop

The *CFI-project "Animating our outdoors through teaching and learning"* kindly invites you to a quick and concentrated rolling workshop on board the bus number 4 from Ultuna Campus to Uppsala and back, in little more than an hour.

Along the line, that criss-crosses through large areas of (former) public institutions, we will spy out locations originally planned for different kinds of outdoor teaching and/or recreation and areas inspiring outdoor teaching of all kinds today.

The workshop will provide an opportunity for easy-going work with a colleague (or two) that you didn't know (that well) before. Participants are encouraged to include all kinds of aspects, from teaching and research on all levels targeted at pupils or students on all levels. We believe the outcome of the seminar will provide a useful starting point for integrating topics like heritage, vegetation, design, health and wellbeing in outdoor teaching. We also aim at highlighting outdoor teaching as a (silent) area of expertise common to all parts of SLU Landscape.

Meeting point: The bus stop outside Ulls hus, to catch the Bus number 4 at 9.51.

Bring your own bus card if you have one, tickets will also be provided. All necessary workshop equipment will be provided.

The session makes a point of using ready-at-hand everyday landscapes, easily reached by common transports.

Session organizers: Åsa Klintborg Ahlklo, Anna Karin Ekwall (Lapf), Anna Maria Palsdottir (AEM).

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(April 13th)

Planned meeting, A visit to Alnarp Rehabilitation Garden led by Anna Maria P. Walk-and-talk through the garden with focus on supportive locations and health promoting environments. (Meeting postponed)

(April 25-26)

SLU Landscape days, Ultuna, Cancelled because of illness.

Third meeting, May 15th

Walk-and talk in The Swedish National Gene Bank for vegetatively propagated horticultural crops, led by Linnea Oskarsson. We discussed the Gene Bank as a pedagogical asset to explore and develop.

(April 20th)

Invitation from Susanna Lehvävirtta to join the open meeting about ideas for the Landscape lab. Unfortunately we were all tied up in other activities. Åsa and Susanna held a short informal meeting at Alnarp and decided to look at possibilities for future cooperation between the project groups.

Meetings to come:

- We will resume our meetings with the walk-and-talk to the Rehab garden that was unfortunately postponed in April
- A workshop lunch is planned for October/November where we have invited the Coordinator for the Landscape Lab, Björn Wiström, to join our project group with the aim of covering all Alnarp Campus *special garden units* in our outdoor teaching exchange; The rehab garden, The Swedish National Gene Bank, The Assortment Gardens, The Landscape Lab and the Historic Campus park educational gardens.
- A walk-and-talk through Alnarp Campus park and the Perennial and Annual Assortment gardens, led by Anna-Karin Ekwall and Åsa Klintborg Ahlklo. Alnarp's park history and trial fields, historical concept in educational gardens and parks. Importance for the development of in-house teaching and outreach activities.

Other outcomes:

As a first result of this CFI-project the first year Landscape architect students will have a full day workshop in October focused on The Alnarp Campus as an area for teaching and learning as part of the Introduction course "Meeting landscape" (Möte med landskap) planned and led by Åsa Klintborg Ahlklo and course leader Karl Lövré.

We also hope to communicate our findings to those in charge of the Alnarp Campus development plan. We believe this CFI-Landscape project highlights the vast opportunities offered by a well kept Campus park and its specialized scientific and educational gardens: the Rehab, the Horticultural Gene Bank, the Assortment Gardens for perennials and annuals, the Landscape Lab as well as the historic Silvibotanical and model design gardens. Together they form a unique and richly equipped educational campus with a highly profiled for all kinds of professional and popular outreach.

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