# Skåne Association of Local Authorities (SALA): Education, labour and integration

Municipal, regional and national co-operation with the aim of bringing NEET's back to studies and/or work, boosting integration and providing relevant competences to the labour market.



Skåne: 33 municipalities Smallest: 7000 inhabitants Largest: 350 000 inhabitants Lund: 120 000 inhabitants

Total: 1 300 000 inhabitants



# Plug In 2.0 in Skåne









- 2015 2017 7 municipalities
- ComUng starting point in Lund
- Local projectmanager in Lund





# Figures of Unemployment for Young Adults

Open unemployed age 16-24

In Lund: 2,9 %

In Sweden (total): 6,6 %

(Figures from the Swedish Labour Agency, September 2017)





#### ComUng

An interaction centre with guidance for the young

- The project is carried out by:
- the municipality of Lund..
- Involving the social welfare services, cultural and recreational services, the education service and employment agency.





#### Our idea

- One stop shop
- Collaboration through coordination centre and co-location
- Focus on the whole individual in order to find and create ways into society
- Based on each individual's specific needs and future dreams
- Larger personalized selection by interaction





#### **Target Group**

Young adults aged 16 to 24 living in Lund.

#### **The Goal**

For more young people in Lund to become a part of the community, to become selfsufficient and feel a sense of control over their own lives.







# **Meeting Place**

An open meeting place with drop-in activities and social activities

VISITORS: Possibility to get ahead and participate in activities or socialize with others

PARTICIPANTS: Registered after an intensive survey with a personalized action plan



**Participant** 





# **Participant?**

#### FIRST CALL:

Need for collaboration, social assistance recipients

Contact with several agencies Consent to privacy remission

#### **OFFERED:**

Labour Services Individual target plane Access to all activities







## Support to the Target Group

#### A few examples!

- Orientation courses to find an individual path
- Open house for questions regarding study and work
- Motivational meetings and establishing a personal action plan, Support and assistance regarding jobs and search of education/ CV help
- Workshops and lectures, in order to inspire new ways of doing things
- A meeting place for all the young
- Fitness and recreation





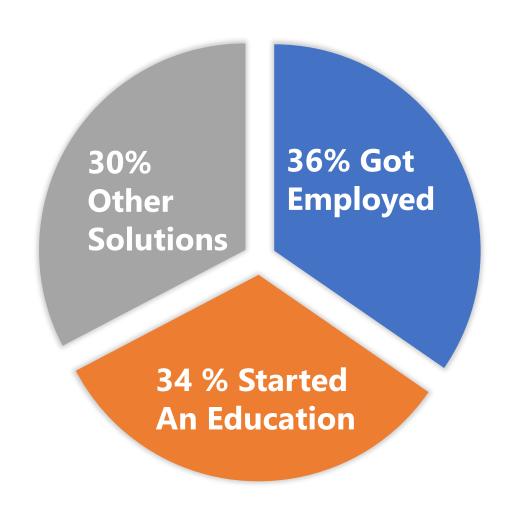
# **Collaboration and Networking**

- Youth clinic "Unga vuxna"
- Business network for internships, mentoring
- Other municipal activities
- Non-profit associations
- Schools in the area
- Spread locally, regionally and nationally





#### Results 2016





# **Quotes from Our Participants**

"I was sceptical at first, but things worked out better after the first day. I am now going to continue with my studies, which is something I never would have thought of otherwise" "Ideas from no ideas at all, at least to a certain part.

Even if it doesn't work out going for it, at least I have a foundation. Have received encouragement to dare to try."

"Personal contact with adults in a good way. It is the first time in my life that I have established such a contact"

"It has helped me to know more about what I would like to do in my life, and I've learned a bit more about myself"

## Plug In 2.0 in Lund

- 20 students from the school that has the higest number of drop-outs in Lund studying on the individual program
- 20 youngsters from my list on drop-outs
- Guidance councellor on 75% on the school
- Guidande councellor/projectmanager on 100% on ComUng
- Leisure/recreation staff activities, being in school 2 days/week with the aim of helping them find ComUng









#### What did we do?

- Intensifying our outreach work starting with home visiting and sending postcards instead of letters
- Following ups
- A person on the school that wasn't their teacher
- More co-operation with the schools to prevent drop-outs
- Activities on ComUng
- Summerjobs



#### Movie



Welcome to Lund - Plug In 2.0



# Plug In 2.0 – Municipality of Lund;

#### 20 students on the school with HIGH risk of dropping out;

- 8 national programs
- 1 work
- 6 adult education
- 1 Folkhighschool
- 1 project at the department of labour market
- 3 continuing on the individual program

20 drop-outs (2 youngsters sitting at home for 2½ and 6 years)

- 8 adult education
- 3 work
- 4 national program
- 3 internship
- 1 individual pogram
- 1 still sitting home but with progression in motivation



#### What have we learned?

- Immediate signals
- Quick search establishing contact
- Why dropping out?
- Confidence building measures









#### Continued

- Individual plans
- Follow-up
- Key staff members
- The successes of One Stop Shops









# Thank you for listening!

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