



City of Gothenburg

Earn A Bike

With the project "Tjäna cykel" (Earn A Bike), young people in the district of Bergsjön in Gothenburg is given the opportunity to renovate a bicycle that have been thrown away, which they then take over. Earn A Bike is an idea that achieved great success in the United States in cities such as St. Paul, Philadelphia, San Antonio and Denver. Now the concept is tested in Gothenburg.

The project is run by the municipal property manager Familjebostäder, who has opened a bicycle repair shop where the area's young people can get guidance, borrow tools and spare parts and in the end have their own bicycle. The district Bergsjön today lacks a "bike culture" while in other districts a lot of bikes are being thrown. The idea is simply to let the young people renovate and earn a cycle that would otherwise be thrown away and at the same time do something good for the environment.

The project started May 23, 2015, and the bicycle repair shop is open every Saturday for about 10 young people each time. The interest from young people and parents is great. The goal is that the project will eventually be operated by volunteers. There are plans to arrange organized bicycle tours, bicycle school and sale of refurbished bicycles.

Familjebostäder has taken a long-term decision to invest in and develop Bergsjön. In activities connected to this work the idea of the bicycle project was born. The aim of Earn A Bike is to offer young people in Bergsjön meaningful activities and creative learning and at the same time contribute to social, ecological and economic sustainability.

More information:

Familjebostäder web page (in Swedish):

<https://www.familjebostader.se/press/pressmeddelandennyheter/premiar-for-tjana-cykel-ide-fran-usa-ger-unga-i-bergsjon-egen-cykel-att-rusta-och-behalla/>