

## Mistra Urban Futures - cooperation between practitioners and researchers

An important factor for success in the transition to a fossil-free Gothenburg is collaboration between the municipality and other stakeholders. One of the most important arenas is Mistra Urban Futures, an international center for urban development in Gothenburg. The City of Gothenburg has taken an active role since the start-up in January 2010 and developed collaboration with researchers, industry, interest groups and the public in a variety of projects. Other important arenas for cooperation between the City of Gothenburg, scientists and other stakeholders are Lindholmen Science Park and the more recently launched Johanneberg Science Park.

### *Mistra Urban Futures*

Mistra Urban Futures is an international centre for sustainable urban development. The purpose of the centre is to contribute towards making a real difference to the environment and to people's lives in the cities of the world. Practitioners and researchers cooperate closely to produce first-class, effective and relevant knowledge. Mistra Urban Futures offers an arena for the development and transmission of knowledge, in which cooperation with business, interest groups and the general public is developed. The centre has five regional platforms in Cape Town, Kisumu, Gothenburg, Manchester and Shanghai. Administration is being handled both locally at each platform and centrally from the Headquarters in Gothenburg.

There are about 30 different urban development projects ongoing in Gothenburg and its surroundings with the focus areas green, dense and fair cities. The City of Gothenburg is one of several parties involved in and funding the centre.

One example is the WISE-project about well-being during the transition towards sustainable cities (see other action), strategies for climate adaptation in the Free Port (see other action) and GO:SMART where one of the subprojects are UbiGo (see other action).

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### *Johanneberg Science Park*

Johanneberg Science Park was formed in 2010 by the Chalmers University of Technology Foundation and the City of Gothenburg with the aim to develop an environment which stimulates collaboration between academia, industry and other players in society at Chalmers Campus Johanneberg.

Johanneberg Science Park have developed Open Arenas for collaboration for interdisciplinary idea- and knowledge-exchange within the profile areas; Urban Development, Energy, Material- and Nano Science.

### *Lindholmen Science Park*

Lindholmen Science Park is an international collaborative environment for research, innovation and education within the areas Transport, ICT and Media. Lindholmen Science Park offers a neutral development environment where industry, academy and public sector can run research and development projects. For almost 15 years Lindholmen Science Park has been creating successful collaborations and innovations. Lindholmen is Gothenburg's most knowledge-intensive and growing area. Today 21 000 people work, study or live at Lindholmen.

### *More information:*

Mistra Urban Futures:

<http://www.mistraurbanfutures.org/en>

Johanneberg Science Park:

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