



City of Lund

Teaching sustainable development

Lund municipality's environmental program LundaEko has a target that says that the proportion of day nurseries and comprehensive schools with awards for teaching sustainable development shall increase to 70 percent by 2016 and to 100 percent by 2020.

In 2013, 51 percent of Lund's comprehensive schools and nursery schools had awards for teaching sustainable development. Another eight private schools and nursery school were also certified for their teaching for sustainable development.

Lund's comprehensive schools and nursery schools can be certified with two different awards for teaching sustainable development, these two awards are *Grön Flag* and *Skola för hållbar utveckling*.



Grön Flagg (Green Flag)

Eco-Schools is a fundamental initiative which encourages young people to engage in their environment by allowing them the opportunity to actively protect it. It starts in the classroom, it expands to the school and eventually fosters change in the community at large. Through this programme, young people experience a sense of achievement at being able to have a say in the environmental management policies of their schools, ultimately steering them towards certification and the prestige which comes with being awarded a Green Flag. The Eco-Schools programme is an ideal way for schools to embark on a meaningful path towards improving the environment in both the school and the local community while at the same time having a life-long positive impact on the lives of young people, their families, school staff and local authorities.

The programme started in Europe in the early 1990s and was introduced in Sweden in 1996, coordinated by the Keep Sweden Tidy Foundation. In Sweden the program is called "Grön Flagg" and today there are about 2500 units in the Swedish network. In Lund municipality there are 60 schools and nursery schools awarded with the *Grön Flagg*.

The structure of Grön Flagg

Grön Flagg has seven different themes that can be adapted to all pedagogical activities and age-groups. These themes are meant to provide inspiration and contribute to the work with sustainable development. All themes are broad and include the three dimensions of sustainable development - ecological, social and economic.

- Climate and energy
- Recycling and resource management
- Local environment
- Lifestyle and health
- Consumption
- Water
- Chemicals

The most common for schools and nursery schools in Lund municipality is to relate their development areas to the themes *water* and *recycling and resource management*.

With *Grön Flagg* the work with sustainable development will be a part of the daily work in school and nursery school. *Grön Flagg* is performed in cyclic periods of approximately one to two years. During that time, the schools are working with three self-selected development areas in sustainability; these may be related to the seven themes of *Grön Flagg*. *Grön Flagg* is adapted to the curriculum, which is the basis for the work in school and nursery.



Skola för hållbar utveckling (School for Sustainable Development)

Skola för hållbar utveckling is a national award that the Agency for Education is responsible for, since October 2008. A school for sustainable development is working with a holistic approach about issues of sustainable development. In Lund municipality there are 15 schools and nursery school which have received the award *Skola för hållbar utveckling*.

A school for sustainable development is working among other things with:

- integrate issues in the education about environmental, social and economic issues
- involved children and young people in the learning process
- prepare children and young people for the future

The purpose of the award is to support and be a source of inspiration in the pedagogical work with sustainable development from nursery to adult education. To receive the award it is required that the school meets certain criteria and submits an application.

On the Agency for Education's website you can find the application form for the award and further information about the *Skola för hållbar utveckling*.

Webpages:

Grön Flagg: <http://www.hsr.se/det-har-gor-vi/skola-forskola/hall-sverige-rents-gron-flagg>
<http://www.ecoschools.global/how-does-it-work/>

Skola för hållbar utveckling: <http://www.skolverket.se/skolutveckling/miljo-och-halsa/hallbar-utveckling/utmarkelsen>

