

Customer Reference Story

“Tryggarre Sverige - Safer Sweden”

The Safer Sweden Foundation is a politically and religiously independent NGO (non governmental organization) which is run as a charitable foundation of the social movement character. The aim is to improve the situation of victims of crime. An important aspect of this work is to ensure that crime victims are their basic human rights met in order to strengthen them so that they can avoid getting into a victim role.

The vision is for Sweden in the future will be one of the best countries to live, reside and work. One of the threats to this vision is a growing crime. This is especially organized crime threatens the rule of law and ultimately the Swedish democratic values.



Because of the recent unrest and riots in Stockholm and other Swedish cities the advisory role of the Safer Sweden Foundation (SSF) will be more important as before.

The question

A delegation of the Safer Sweden Foundation organised twice a fieldtrip to the Netherlands (2013 & 2014). They asked VAZ Global for a two-day program to take care with all elements of the Dutch model of community policing. This model could be interesting too for the Swedish society in general. After the two visits to the Netherlands the chairman of SSF asked VAZ Global to become a member of the Safer Sweden Foundation with the prospect to build up a really safer Sweden. VAZ Global took this invitation with pleasure.



Picture from left to right: a police inspector of the Stockholm police, Marcel Zethoven of VAZ Global and the Swedish Minister of Social Affairs Mrs. Hillevi Engstrom during the Almedalen week in 2014.

The solution

VAZ Global supported the Safer Sweden Foundation on a fieldtrip to New York. Later on, summer 2014, VAZ Global provided a seminar workshop during the Almedahlen week (Gotland Sweden) in July 2014.

Both, SSF and VAZ Global have the intention to continue the collaboration in the future. There are thoughts to think about a possible community policing pilot project in one of the larger cities in Sweden. VAZ Global has experiences by starting up similar projects and is willing to support this initiative also in Sweden.



Impression of the Almedahlenweek



Visby, Gotland, Sweden

