



The cities of the UBC network

**Invitation to the open meeting of the UBC – Youthful Cities Commission in Gävle  
4-7 of April, 2017**

Dear members of the UBC network,

On behalf of the city of Gävle and as the Mayor of Gävle it is my great pleasure to invite you to the open meeting of the UBC Youthful Cities Commission in Gävle, Sweden, 4-7 of April 2017.

The main topic of the meeting is "Digital renewal from a youth perspective".

The city of Gävle is growing, we soon reach 100 000 inhabitants and we constantly work with development in all kinds of areas. One important area is digital renewal.

In Gävle we work broadly to adopt digitalization opportunities and we are determined to face our challenges in a proper way. We have for some years had additional targeted measures towards schools with the introduction of e.g. computers and iPads, but we have also embraced new methods and educational challenges.

School children in Gävle have also built up central Gävle in Minecraft.

At the moment we are also developing initiatives on, among other things, "choice of school" and improved communication between teachers and students in both the Culture School and the Adult Education School.

During 2017, we will begin the implementation of free "Wi-Fi zones" in the city and also targeted measures towards recreational facilities.

Being a long-term active member and during 2016-2017, also the Chair of the UBC Youthful Cities Commission, we are convinced that this meeting will create space for exchange of knowledge and foster further cooperation among the UBC cities.

Welcome to Gävle!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Inger Källgren Sawela'.

Inger KällgrenSawela  
Mayor  
City of Gävle, Sweden