

Welcome to  
**The Rural Parliament**

21 – 23 May 2004 in Ystad, Sweden

Programme and registration



FOLKRÖRELSE RÅDET

*Hela Sverige  
ska leva!*

All of Sweden shall live  
– from Haparanda to Ystad



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Hear the sound of the tower watchman’s horn over land and sea. Let his tone be an invitation, a call, a challenge and a welcome to the Rural Parliament in Ystad, 21 – 23 May 2004.



# Welcome to the Rural Parliament in Ystad 2004!

The Rural Parliament is once again approaching, now for the eighth time. It will be a gathering of all those who are working to develop their rural community. We shall discuss how the village movement can contribute to social development and sustainable local growth. Discussions about the role of the village movement and its organisation shall be an important part.

The rural parliament shall also be a forum where our politicians and decision makers can participate and receive important information for their work with rural development policy.

We have the goal to achieve a concentrated effort around our theme:

## **All of Sweden shall live - from Haparanda to Ystad**

In the final analysis the results depend on us – on our commitment and our creativity. But we must also get the decision makers on all levels to understand that everyone is important, irrespective of where we live and work. Reasonable conditions for local development are required so that all local communities can contribute to the wealth of our society.

The rich and diverse program of the Rural Parliament will provide all of us with an opportunity to actively participate. None of us shall sit passively on the receiving end - everyone will contribute as well.

This year's Rural Parliament is being held in our southernmost region at a time when nature is in full bloom. Let the Skåne nature and environment be a source of inspiration. Experience a rural area full of life and in close proximity to the new Europe.

Skåne welcomes participants from all parts of our long country as well as visitors from abroad to serious hard work as well as festivities and joy.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2004 Rural Parliament.  
Welcome

**Åke Edin**

Chairman

The Popular Movement Council – Hela Sverige ska leva



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Main organiser





## **The Rural Parliament 2004**

### **What do we want to accomplish?**

One main objective is to have an in-depth dialogue on the main theme of this Parliament. There are a lot of things presently taking place, both nationally and internationally that have great importance for the future development in the rural areas. For example the proposed changes in rural development policy formation, EU's changes in policy from agriculture to rural development and the increasingly heated debate between urban and rural areas. We need to also discuss our own role, the popular movement's role, in the development of our society. We expect to achieve concrete results in the different seminars. This will make it possible for the Popular Movement's Council to be a driving force and submit our demands and suggestions to the government and parliament.

### **How shall we do it?**

In practical terms we foresee the following arrangements:

You choose the seminar that you find most interesting. You will only have time to participate in one. Because there may be too many who choose the same one, we want you to also choose a second and third alternative. In this way you'll have a greater chance of being included in something that interests you even if it is not your first priority. We'll do all we can to satisfy your wishes. If there is huge demand for some seminars we will try and double these. Some seminars have similar themes and we might choose to put them together. Our goal is that you will find yourself in a group of the right size so that the discussions will be meaningful

### **What is planned?**

After an appropriate opening we will jump right into the discussions. We will divide ourselves up into seminar groups where knowledgeable and experienced people will give an introductory presentation. This will be followed by a couple of hours seminar group work on each topic. The whole of Österports Secondary School and nearby meeting rooms are booked for this purpose.

The first day's seminars will end in good time so we can prepare ourselves for the evening socialising. On Saturday the groups will continue their work and hopefully every group will be able to present their viewpoints.

We will also identify issues and questions that will be used at the inquiry of Swedish party leaders on Sunday.

### **What about the other seminars and activities then?**

On both Friday morning and Saturday afternoon other activities will be going on. Sponsors and participating organisations and development groups will have display booths. In addition a number of shorter seminars will be announced where sponsors can show their interest for our activities.

### **In short:**

**Book yourself in to a seminar by choosing three prioritised alternatives. 1 – 3**

**Let us know if you want a space in our display hall. Different spaces have different prices.**

# The Rural Parliament's Program

## Where do we start?

Check in and registration will take place in Österporthallen, Ystad's largest sport hall. This is where we will gather for the opening of the parliament and for all the plenary sessions.

The parliament will open officially on Friday at 13.00 hours but there are activities planned for Friday morning as well.

For participants in the international seminars there will be possibilities to join a short study-tour on Friday morning.

If you arrive on Thursday you will be able to check in between 12.00 and 18.00 hr.

Display booths for our sponsors and ourselves are also in Österporthallen. If you want a place in the display hall don't forget to book. (See registration form)

Below is the preliminary program. Certain changes may be necessary. You will receive the final program on arrival. The language of the seminars in section A, B and C is Swedish and in section D English. We hope to be able to provide translation from Swedish to English in the plenary sessions.

We will organise transport for all the delegates who are not able to arrange their own transport between their lodgings and the conference hall as well as to the evenings activities.

## Program (preliminary)

### Thursday

12.00-18.00 Check-in and registration in Österporthallen

### Friday

09.00 Check-in and registration in Österporthallen

09.00-13.00 Study-tour

11.30-13.00 Lunch

### Conference start

13.00 Rural Parliament's opening in Österporthallen

14.30 Practical information

14.40 Coffee, walk to the respective seminars

15.00 Seminars

18.00 Own time (for transport to lodgings and to evening activities) och kvällsaktivitet)

20.00-24.00 Dinner and entertainment

22.00-24.00 Transport to lodging



### Saturday

09.00 Seminars continue in respective groups

12.00-13.30 Lunch

13.30 Presentation of seminar results

14.30 Reassembly in Österporthallen  
Information from sponsors

15.30 Sponsors seminars, visit to display booths and excursions

18.00 Own time (for transport to lodgings and evening activities)

20.00-01.00 Dinner, dance and entertainment

22.00-01.00 Transport to lodgings

### Sunday

09.00 Gathering in Österporthallen  
Panel discussion with representatives from the political parties in the Swedish parliament. Moderator Åke Edin.  
Possible plenary debate.

10.30 Coffee

11.00 Closing. Handing in of seminar conclusions. Documentation

14.00 Lunch – travel home

The titles of the Swedish seminars and short summaries of the English seminars are presented below.

## **A The new rural policy - community development for local growth**

**This theme will be introduced by Åke Edin, chairman of Popular Movement's Council and Ulla Herlitz, University of Gothenburg. (Language Swedish)**

We build on the Political Program for Rural Development . In this, the focus was on concrete suggestions within the 10 so-called Rural Development Priority Areas (Landsbygdslyften). Unfortunately not much has happened in the practical politics for rural development since then. Most of the suggestions in the 4 year old document are still of immediate interest. We will now build on this by discussing and formulating the conditions, arguments and strategies for rural development. How can, for example, community groups contribute to the local social development for their own communities' wellbeing and development as well as for the country's as a whole? It's a matter of sharpening competencies, tools and working methods.

The 14 different seminars together form a whole that will provide a central foundation for The Popular Movement's Council's work with the new rural development policy; a policy that to a large extent is about local development initiatives and entrepreneurship. Every seminar is in itself an interesting and important piece of the puzzle, as well as also being one chapter in the planned documentation "Building society for local growth" from this thematic area.

### **The context, prerequisites and resources**

- A1. Country Lifestyle**
- A2. Sustainable growth – what and how?**
- A3. Quality reserve – resources are everywhere**
- A4. The whole country – a politics of healing**
- A5. The media and us**

### **Local development initiatives and community building**

- A6. Community building for local development**
- A7. Sustainable rural communities**
- A8. Lokalekonomi.nu**
- A9. Building from below – LEADER as a method**

### **Strategies for everyone**

- A10. Local strategies**
- A11. Municipal strategies**
- A12. Regional strategies**
- A13. National strategies**
- A14. UTOPIA**

## **B Development of local democracy**

**This theme will be introduced by Bengt-Göran Nilsson, SLUG (Skåne's Local Development Groups) (Language Swedish)**

The work that is on-going in different parts of Sweden is presented and discussed under this theme.

- B1. "Village politics", what happened after?**
- B2. Municipal rural area council, an easy way to local democracy**
- B3. Development of local "village plans"**
- B4. Changing the municipalities' decision-making processes**
- B5. Koster Local Committee**
- B6. Kall Rural Community**
- B7. Youth seminars for democracy development**
- B8. Social accounting – a way to show social value**

# C Rural areas close to urban centres

## Inspirational introductory presentation:

**City – country, from a planning and land use perspective. Ole Reiter, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Movium**

**Living – service – livelihoods, a holistic view of ‘the good life’. Anders Nylander, Chalmers University (Language Swedish)**

There are a large number of small towns, villages and rural areas quite close to smaller and larger cities. Even though these large cities attract more and more of the resources and development their relative proximity also provides opportunities for small towns and the surrounding rural area. Today people are travelling more and more and 100 km is often an acceptable commuting distance. This makes it possible to have pleasant and first-rate living conditions in the countryside even though one’s work and service is in a completely different place. In the shadow of large cities, groups of commuters and small businesses evolve that have at least one of their three legs – living-service-livelihood – in each of the country and the city. In Skåne region for example, one often talks about the whole Skåne-Själland-Copenhagen area as one single labour market. All this offers new possibilities but also demands new ways of thinking and planning. This new way of thinking will form the basis for the discussions in the theme *Rural areas close to urban centres*. Because the Rural Parliament is in Skåne the issues will be looked at from a Baltic Sea perspective. However references to both (Mälaren)Stockholm and Gothenborg region will be included as there are major similarities.

**C1. City and country from a planning perspective**

**C2. How can a rural area in the shadow of a large city be made visible?**

**C3. Livelihoods and entrepreneurship in the countryside**

**C4. Living in the countryside – how shall it be developed and valued?**

**C5. Commercial services and the new countryside shop**

**C6. Social economy and voluntary work – do we have time for them?**

**C7. Municipal services in the countryside**

**C8. Communication infrastructure – a precondition for the modern life in the countryside?**

**C9. Natural revitalization**

**C10. Multi-cultural – a resource**

**C11. Local development in both the suburb and countryside**





# D Rural development – an international perspective

Introduction by Staffan Bond, Swedish Popular Movement's Council and Nils Lagerroth, Swedish Federation of Rural Economy and Agricultural Sciences. (Language English)

## D1. Local management of natural resources

Possibilities and examples of local influence and local control for rural development Learning from experiences from India, Sweden and Scotland.

The seminar will be facilitated by Anders Tivell, Department for Rural Development and Agroecology, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences.

## D2. Transnational Cooperation on the function of the labour market in rural areas

Obstacles and problems for the renewal of the labour market in rural areas. Examples of projects from the Equal program.

The seminar will be carried out in collaboration with the EQUAL-program "Renewal of the countryside".

## D3. Village movements in Europe – some good examples

In different countries in Europe different village movements have been built up – in many cases with a structure and way of working that is similar to the movement in Sweden.

In this seminar, examples from different countries will be presented and a discussion on how collaboration can be strengthened, through for example a program like PREPARE.

The seminar will be facilitated by Vanessa Halhead, Scotland.

## D4. Village development - an example of collaboration and support to rural development in Tanzania

What can we learn from each other? What role can Swedish Popular Movement's Council play for increased understanding, for personal contacts and for participation in projects in Tanzania and other countries in the South?

The seminar will be led by Gunnar Knutsson, Society of Rural Economy and Agricultural Sciences in the County of Malmöhus.

NB. All international seminars will be held in English.



## D5. Youth and democracy in rural areas

Youth are important for rural development both in Sweden, Scandinavia and in other countries. In this seminar examples of work with a focus on youth and democracy will be presented. These will include the Swedish Leader program ('Sommenbygden' and 'Astrid Lindgrens hembygd'), the network "All the North shall live" as well as the work of the Swedish National Board for Youth Affairs..

## D6. The future of rural development in an enlarged European Union

What will the new Structural Fund's period from 2006 and the new agricultural policy in EU mean for rural development in Sweden and Europe? The Carrefour network, among others, will give an up-to-date picture of the possible future rural development policy.

## D7. Mainstreaming of Leader

The seminar will look at how the experiences from the Leader area can be used by other rural areas and how the Leader program can influence the future rural development policy in Europe as a whole. The seminar will be carried out by the Leader network in Sweden, Denmark and Finland. The Chairman of the Finnish Village Movement, Eeru Uusitalo, will be among the participants.

## D8. The need for an European Rural Parliament – How to build the rural voice of Europe?

This seminar will discuss how the different village movements can collaborate in Europe and possibly build a common European lobby organisation. Participants include representatives from "All the North shall live!", PREPARE network and the Swedish section of ECOVAST.

## D9. Learning regions, European Network of eLearning, CoLabs

The seminar will present a successful Triple-Helix alliance for distance education where modern data technique was used to support collaboration between the university, private business and local groups. Responsible for the seminar is Erik Wallin, Lunds University. Participants will include people from Germany, Denmark, Finland, UK and Italy.





# Practical information

## Conference registration

Conference registration and accommodation booking is done by filling in the form on page 13. This registration form and the choice of seminar form (page 14) should be sent to The Rural Parliament Office, Landsbygdsriksdagens kansli, c/o Ystad kommun, SE 271 80 Ystad, Sweden.

N.B. You will receive two bills - one for your accommodation and one for the conference/rural parliament fee.

## Accommodation

Here in Österlen we value the comfortable and the familiar. For this reason our supply of accommodation options are many, comfortable, small scale, and spread over several municipalities. We can offer accommodation from the simplest possible using one's own sleeping bag, (youth) hostels, B&B, boarding house to first class hotel and castles. Distances are short. Because there are many who need accommodation we request that you share rooms with friends. Send in your bookings together if possible.

To find out more about the accommodation available visit [www.ystad.se](http://www.ystad.se) and tourism/bo bra.

We have many fine camping sites that you can contact directly. Sandskogens Camping (+46 411 192 70) is 5 km from Ystad centre; Fredricksberg (+46 411 552230) is 7km from the centre. On the sea coast 7 km to the east is Nybrostrands Camping (+46 411 551263) and 25km to the east Löderups Strandbads Camping (+46 411 526311). In the neighbouring municipalities there are additional options.

## Place

All the seminars and conferences will be held in central Ystad within walking distance of each other. The place for all the plenary sessions is Österporthallen. Registration and check-in will be at Österporthallen from 12 o'clock on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> May. If you arrive earlier contact Ystad's Tourist Information Office at St Knut's torg directly across the road from Ystad's bus and train station.

## Travel

To book your travel contact your closest travel agency, airways or train company's own booking agency. Bus transfers from Malmö airport (Sturup) to Ystad (Österporthallen) will be available on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of May. Travel time from Sturup to Ystad is approximately 30 min.

## Final registration date

An early registration will give you 10% discount on the registration fee. Your completed form must be with us before the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2004. For accommodation bookings after 1<sup>st</sup> March there will be a SEK 100 booking fee.

We may be forced to limit the number of participants. Register early so you won't be disappointed! Remember also that accommodation options (as well as your choices) become fewer the later you register.

## Time

The Rural Parliament will be held from the 21<sup>st</sup> to the 23 May 2004 with the program starting at 09.00 on the 21<sup>st</sup> and closing at 2 p.m. on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Combine the Rural Parliament with a mini holiday and meet spring with your family in Österlen or in our Four Corners, the tourist collaboration with our neighbouring countries, Poland, Germany and Denmark.

If you want additional information you are welcome to contact Ystad's Tourist Information Office, tel. +46 411 577681; fax +46 411 555585 or email <[turistinfo@ystad.se](mailto:turistinfo@ystad.se)>. You can also visit our homepage [www.ystad.se](http://www.ystad.se).

## Practical information continued

### Seminar registration

You register for the seminar of your choice by filling out the form on (page 12) and sending it together with your other registration form.

**Send your registration to:**

**The Rural Parliament, Landsbygdsriksdagen, Ystad kommun, SE-271 80 Ystad, Sweden.**

You can even visit the Popular Movement's Council's homepage [www.bygde.net](http://www.bygde.net) and print out registration forms for your own use by clicking on the English version.

### Cancellations

Your registration can be transferred to another person with no charge on the condition that you inform Kjell Andersson about the change of names. You can contact him by phone +46 411 5778 57; fax +46 411 19709 or email [kjell.andersson@ystad.se](mailto:kjell.andersson@ystad.se).

Any cancellation before the 1<sup>st</sup> May (N.B. not transfers) will be charged an administration fee of SEK 350. Cancellations after the 1<sup>st</sup> May will be charged the full registration fee.

### Confirmation/Invoice

The confirmation of your participation in the Rural Parliament will come in the form of two separate invoices, one for the registration fee for the conference and one for your hotel/boarding.

### Payment

Payment must be made within 15 days of receiving the invoice or immediately if you sent in your registration after 30<sup>th</sup> April 2004. An unpaid invoice renders your registration to the Rural Parliament invalid.

### Participation fees for the Rural Parliament

International participants

SEK 1400\*

\* This is a subsidized fee equivalent to the fee for representatives from local action groups.

Registrations received before the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2004 will entitle you to a 10% discount on the participation fee. No charge for accommodation booking will be made if you book before 1<sup>st</sup> March 2004. After this date the charge will be SEK 100. The participation fee includes coffee and lunch for 3 days, dinner on Friday and Saturday, full participation in the program and in the seminar of your choice.

### Contact

If you have questions concerning the Rural Parliament contact:

The Popular Movement's Council +46 8 241350; or  
The Rural Parliament Office in Ystad + 46 411 577857; email  
<[kjell.andersson@ystad.se](mailto:kjell.andersson@ystad.se)>

If you have questions about accommodation booking contact:

Ystad's Tourist Information Office +46 411 577681  
Address: Ystads kommun, SE-271 80 Ystad.  
Email: [turistinfo@ystad.se](mailto:turistinfo@ystad.se)  
[www.ystad.se](http://www.ystad.se)

The address of The Popular Movement's Council is:  
Stortorget 7, SE 11129 Stockholm.

Tel: +46 8 241350; Fax: +46 8 242805; Email: [info@bygde.net](mailto:info@bygde.net);  
[www.bygde.net](http://www.bygde.net)



# Registration to The Rural Parliament

N.B. Only one person per registration form!

Send the completed registration form to: **The Rural Parliament, Landsbygdsriksdagens kansli, Ystads kommun, SE 271 80 Ystad, Sweden.**

Registration fee for the Rural Parliament, see page 10.

I hereby register myself to The Rural Parliament 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2004.

*(please print)*

Participants name .....

Address.....

Zipcode.....City.....Country.....

Tel.....Email.....

Invoice address with a reference (if other than that above).....

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Please fill in information about organizational or personal identity number as a basis for invoicing .....

I represent:  Local development group  Other participant (Check the appropriate box)

Meals are included as indicated in the program.

Special requests, please specify (e.g. physical handicap, special food needs, etc)

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Are you/your organization interested in having a display booth?  Check the box and we will contact you.

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## Lodging booking

We cannot guarantee the requested lodging and maintain the right to book an equivalent if the requested is not available.

Request lodging: for the period arriving on ..... departing on ..... Total number of nights .....

of the following kind:

- |                                                     |                                                      |                                                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Castle                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Bed&Breakfast from SEK270:- | <input type="checkbox"/> Private room from 150:- |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel from 300:-           | <input type="checkbox"/> Hostel from 190:-           | <input type="checkbox"/> Cottage                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Will organize own lodgings |                                                      |                                                  |

The prices above are for double rooms per night. If you share a room with more people it will be cheaper. Check your preference for lodgings.

Single room  Double room Desired No. of beds in a Private/cottage .....

Wish to share a room/cottage with.....Total number of people.....

**N.B. You will receive two invoices: one from The Popular Movement Council for the registration fee and one from Ystads Tourist Information Office for lodgings.**

Means of travel:  By air\*  By own car  By bus/train

\*Bus transport from and to Sturup will be available on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> May respectively. Check below if you wish transport

the 21<sup>st</sup> May  the 23<sup>rd</sup> May

# Registration for The Rural Parliament's Seminars

N.B. Only one person per registration form. All seminars are free. We maintain the right to cancel seminars that have too few registered participants. For this reason please indicate your first choice with 1, your second choice with 2 and your third choice with 3 in the box for your chosen seminar.

Send in this form with your conference registration form to The Rural Parliament Office, **Landsbygdsriksdagens kansli, Ystads kommun, SE 271 80 Ystad, Sweden.** (Fax: +46 411 197 09; Email: [kjell.andersson@ystad.se](mailto:kjell.andersson@ystad.se))

Participants name (pleaseprint).....

Zip code .....City..... Tel.....

Indicate in the box the seminar you wish to participate in. (1 first choice, 2 second choice and 3 third choice).

## Theme A The new rural policy - community development for local growth (Swedish)

### I The context, prerequisites and resources

- A1  Country Lifestyle
- A2  Sustainable growth – what and how?
- A3  Quality reserve – resources are everywhere
- A4  The whole country – a politics of healing
- A5  The media and us

### II Local development initiatives and community building

- A6  Community building for local development
- A7  Sustainable rural communities

- A8  Lokalekonomi.nu
- A9  Building from below – LEADER as a method

### III Strategies for everyone

- A10  Local strategies
- A11  Municipal strategies
- A12  Regional strategies
- A13  National strategies
- A14  UTOPIA

## Theme B Development of local democracy (Swedish)

- B1  "Village politics", what happened after?
- B2  Municipal rural area council, an easy way to local democracy?
- B3  Development of local "village plans"
- B4  Changing the municipalities' decision-making processes

- B5  Koster Local Committee
- B6  Kall Rural Community
- B7  Youth seminars for democracy development
- B8  Social accounting – a way to show social value

## Theme C Rural areas close to urban centres (Swedish)

- C1  City and country from a planning perspective
- C2  How can a rural area in the shadow of a large city be made visible?
- C3  Livelihoods and entrepreneurship in the countryside
- C4  Living in the countryside – how shall it be developed and valued?
- C5  Commercial services and the new countryside shop.
- C6  Social economy and voluntary work – do we have time for them?

- C7  Municipal services in the countryside
- C8  Communication infrastructure – a precondition for the modern life in the countryside?
- C9  Natural revitalization
- C10  Multi-cultural – a resource
- C11  Local development in both suburb and countryside

## Theme D Rural development – an international perspective (All seminars and discussions in English)

- D1  Local management of natural resources
- D2  The importance of international cooperation for marginalised rural areas
- D3  Village movements in Europe – some good examples
- D4  Village development – an example of intercontinental exchange between Tanzania and Sweden
- D5  Youth and democracy in rural areas
- D6  The future of rural development in an enlarged European Union
- D7  Mainstreaming of Leader
- D8  The need for a European Rural Parliament. – How to build the rural voice of Europe?
- D9  European network of eLearning, CoLabs

**Co-organisers' and sponsors' seminars – see page 13 as well**



## Co-organisers' and sponsors' seminars, information and displays

Our co-organisers and sponsors are important collaborative partners in our activities. Without them it would be difficult to hold this parliament and the program that we will be able to take part in.

Co-organisers and sponsors not only contribute with support to our work but also allow us to take part in their activities and benefit from their knowledge. In this year's Rural Parliament they are inviting us to their display booths as well as seminars and lectures.

The programme is not yet finalised so here we are only able to give you some ideas about what is being offered. See below. As these program points will start as early as 9.00 a.m. on Friday the 21st May we will provide continuous information on our homepages for the Popular Movement's Council and Ystad Municipality ([www.bygde.net](http://www.bygde.net), [www.ystad.se](http://www.ystad.se)) under the section The Rural Parliament 2004

Make it a habit to visit these sites regularly.

## Display

If you are interested in having a display booth for your development group or organisation contact the Rural Parliament Office in Ystad, or indicate your interest by crossing the square on the registration form on page 11.

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Among our co-organisers and sponsors are the following  
(more will be added in the spring):

### Posten

Posten will hold a seminar/lecture under the leadership of Posten's CEO Erik Olsson. For more information see [www.ystad.se](http://www.ystad.se) or [www.bygde.net](http://www.bygde.net)

### LRF The Federation of Swedish Farmers

LRF has announced the following seminars/lectures:

- Agriculture and forestry's role in community planning – a conflict of interests or dialogue?
- In this way the whole country can grow – listen to a few representatives from the green business sector.



LANTBRUKARNAS  
RIKSFÖRBUND

Welcome for a bite to eat.



**Main organiser:** Popular Movement's Council – Hela Sverige ska leva. **Co-organisers:** Region Skåne, Ystad Municipality, the Swedish Board of Agriculture, County Administration in Skåne, Association of Local Authorities in Skåne, Carrefour South Sweden, SLUG (Regional Village Council), Village Groups Council in Ystad. **Participants and supporters of the Rural Parliament:** Member organisations of the Popular Movement's Council, Skurups kommun.

# Ystad and Skåne – an experience more than the usual

## Welcome to growing zone I!

The sea that surrounds three sides of Skåne has left its definite mark on the landscape. White sand beaches, steep cliffs, fishing and small boat harbours – all are popular places to visit. Calling Skåne for Sweden's breadbasket is hardly an exaggeration. The black Skåne humus soils not only produces potatoes, sugar beets, rape and cereals, it is also beautiful to behold – giving Skåne its characteristic and changing colours depending on the season. Castles, elks(!) and beech forests are the coasts counterpoint but none the less typically Skåne. Art and an enormous cultural supply are perhaps not typically Skåne, but the benevolent tempo, the continental atmosphere and the magnificent light that prevails, certainly are. This must be why such a wide range of poets and writers have mentioned Skåne in their work – Selma Lagerlöf's Nils Holgersson, Fritjof Nilsson Piraten's Bombi Bitt and the currently very popular writer Henning Mankell and his character Ystad policeman Kurt Wallander – to name just a few.

In Skåne food is culture – preferably in large quantities, well prepared and beautiful. "Äggakaga", "spiddekaga", and "luad and rögad" eel are some specialities. But also food that has a continental touch. We can eat "smörrebröd" in Copenhagen or "rögad" sill on Bornholm for lunch and be home in time for afternoon coffee. Ystad and Skåne are close. Not only close to continental Europe but also to people to each other. In Skåne you will be greeted with a genuine and broad "Haj" (hello) in shops and you can relax and stroll along the city streets.

We invite you to come and taste our Skåne good-natured hospitality – it is like being away and still feeling so completely and pleasantly at home!

Read more about Skåne on:  
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