

Invitation to collaboration

Gunnebo House and Gardens is one of Sweden's finest 18th century estates and is beautifully situated in Mölndal, a few kilometres south of Göteborg. It attracts over 400,000 visitors every year. All work at Gunnebo is carried out with historical correctness, genuine craftsmanship and sustainable development in mind.

The project, *Gunnebo: Back to the 18th Century* began in 1995. Up until today a number of buildings and gardens have been reconstructed. The reconstructions were carried out using traditional methods, based on original drawings by the architect, Carlberg. The project has given Gunnebo genuine experience of running similar projects with focus on education. We have used the master-apprentice system, where master craftsmen have trained interested apprentices from different backgrounds. All work is carried out in a genuine historical environment.

In the coming years, Gunnebo plans to rebuild the orangery that burnt down in 1829. The orangery was situated in the southern formal garden and contained rooms for socialising as well as storage rooms for exotic plants. One of the unique aspects of Gunnebo is the existence of more than 200 original drawings. Many of these describe the orangery.

The process of reconstruction involves the creation of new knowledge and the promotion of traditional building methods and cultural environment. The aim is to make the reconstruction have an effect on the way houses are built today. One way to achieve this is to connect the process to the education of modern builders and gardeners. In doing so, the reconstruction can be used for developing new methods and tools for education. This also enables the opening of new lines of communication between traditional methods and modern craftsmen as well as the general public.

Gunnebo plans to seek funds for a project aimed at vocational training from Leonardo da Vinci and the European Union's Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP). Our question to you is if you are interested in a collaboration regarding these issues? Gunnebo is looking for both national and international partners.

We are also interested in collaborations with regards to other projects, be it cultural heritage, conservation of the built environment, historical gardens, cultural tourism, protection of the cultural landscape, eco-friendly building or historical gastronomy.

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