

Verksamhetsberättelse Servas Sverige 2019

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Styrelse samt övriga förtroendeuppdrag

Styrelsen har bestått av:

Ordförande och nationell sekreterare	Eva Hartman-Juhlin, Uppsala
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Ledamot	Holly Xiao, Trollhättan
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Revisor	Göril Thyresson, Hallsberg
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Rollen som mötessekreterare har varit roterande i styrelsen. Harley Thomas fortsatte som värdlistkoordinator och Kristina Båth-Sågänger som kassör.

Årsmöte

Totalt deltog 27 personer i årsmötet den 16 mars i Uppsala. Ordföranden, Eva Hartman-Juhlin, presenterade det gångna årets arbete.

Flera medlemmar berättade om sina erfarenheter från resor och möten med Servasvärdar/-resenärer.

Gemensam middag efter mötet.

Styrelsearbete

Styrelsen har under året 2019 haft

4 styrelsemöten via Skype

4 styrelsemöten i Uppsala

1 styrelsemöte i Stockholm

Kort om löpande aktiviteter

Styrelsen har under året hanterat olika medlemsfrågor som inkommit, genomfört årsmötet 2019 samt planerat för årsmötet 2020. Styrelsen har deltagit i de omröstningar av motioner som Servas International har skickat ut.

Ett nyhetsbrev gick ut till medlemmarna i februari och november.

Arbete med verksamhetsplanen

Årsmötet 2019 fastställde föreslagen verksamhetsplan för 2019 och nedan redovisas hur långt vi kommit med olika punkter.

1. fortsätta med att förnya och uppdatera Servas Sveriges hemsida

- under året har vi, med extern hjälp, slutfört arbetet med vår nya hemsida.
- vi har förenklat, uppdaterat, rensat och lagt in många bilder
- den nya hemsidan släpps på årsmötet 2020.

2. fortsätta arbetet med att satsa mer på att öka antalet medlemmar

- I december 2019 skickade vi ut en enkät till samtliga medlemmar för att få en bättre uppfattning om vad som händer inom Servas Sverige och hur engagerade våra medlemmar är. Förhoppningsvis ger resultatet ett bättre underlag för styrelsens fortsatta arbete och hur vi kan få våra medlemmar att känna sig mer delaktiga.

3. utöka och utveckla internationellt ungdomsutbyte och engagemang

- Tillsammans med Servas Georgien arbetade vi fram ett kulturutbyte och fyra ungdomar från Uppsala fick möjlighet att besöka landet under tio dagar i april. Det var Mary Ellen Chatwin och Marianna Zonnenberg i Georgien som stod för programmet och som tog hand om ungdomarna dygnet runt under hela vistelsen.
Se bilaga 1.
- Uppsala fick fyra volontärplatser för Servas räkning på Kultureernas karneval den 25 - 26 maj med volontärarbete såväl före som efter karnevalen. Under drygt en veckas tid bodde fyra ungdomar från Italien, Spanien och England i tre olika familjer. De hade alla blivit utvalda efter att ha sökt volontäruppdraget via Susana Martinez *Youth and Families committee* i Italien. De fyra ungdomarna hade även ett eget bord där de presenterade Servas.
Se bilaga 2.



4. ha en mer aktiv Facebook-sida

- Facebook ligger som en länk på hemsidan och vi har nu även Instagram.

5. mer regelbundet skicka ut nyhetsbrev via mail under året

- under året har vi skickat ut två, istället för som tidigare ett, nyhetsbrev. Ett i februari och ett i november.

6. fortsätta arbetet med att få fler Servasmedlemmar att aktivt använda Servas on-line

- Från med 2019 har alla våra LOI utfärdats on-line.
- Servas Sverige är ett pilotland när det gäller att utfärda LOI on-line.
- Våra erfarenheter av LOI on-line är mycket positiva och det underlättar, såväl för medlemmen som för styrelsen, processen att utfärda ett LOI.

7. öka antalet aktivt engagerade i Servas Sverige

- För att uppmärksamma Servas 70 år bjöd vi in såväl medlemmar som icke medlemmar till öppna föreläsningar och middag i Fredens hus på Uppsala slott. Drygt 60 personer lyssnade på föreläsningarna och 46 personer stannade kvar på middagen.
Se bilaga 3.

- Flera lokala Servas-medlemmar har arrangerat lokala Servasträffar mer eller mindre regelbundet. Det har varit pubträffar i Stockholm, middagar i Trollhättan o.s.v.
- Servas Art är en Facebookgrupp och Servas Sveriges medlemmar är nu också aktiva sedan oktober 2019.

Redogöra för resultatet på nästa årsmöte.

Eva Hartman-Juhlin kommer att berätta om årets arbete i sin presentation på årsmötet 2020.

Övrigt

Harley Thomas har skrivit en Servas handbok som vi har skickat ut till alla medlemmar i Sverige. Boken innehåller all information som man som medlem kan behöva – hur man betalar årsavgiften, hur man skaffar ett LOI, m.m.

Medlemsantal och åldersstruktur

I slutet av 2019 hade vi 363 medlemmar registrerade som medlemmar. Under året slutade 14 medlemmar och 39 nya tillkom. Det är i huvudsak de äldre som avslutar sitt medlemskap. Vi har under året fått flera yngre medlemmar.

Resenärer

Under 2019 utfärdade vi 44 Letter of Introduction (LOI). Det är en svagt uppåtgående trend jämfört med tidigare år.

På uppdrag av styrelsen Servas Sverige,
Eva Hartman-Juhlin, ordförande och nationell sekreterare

Uppsala 10 februari 2020

Ort och datum

Underskrift

BILAGA 1

Travel in Georgia April 2019

We are four girls that travelled to Georgia for ten days with the peace organisation Servas. During our trip we visited a school called Lamovani school for several days. After Lamovani we went to Argokhi and met the Chaduna ladies. Our last stop was with Roddy Scott and MAC Georgia that you will be able to read more about later in the report.

Lamovani Public school

When we first arrived in Georgia, Lamovani Public school was our first visit. Lamovani Public school is a tiny school with only 25 students through grades one to nine. We were only there for three days but we developed a strong relationship with the school and the students as well as the teachers.

It is a school full of wonderful kids that are very motivated and willing to learn. We had the privilege to hold a couple of lessons for the kids and they stayed focused and were eager to learn throughout the entire lesson. Such drive in young people is rare and should be cherished. The teachers are, like the children, hard workers that strive for the best and they're open for new ideas that will improve their teaching.

At this point, the school only has one English teacher, which is too little, even for such a small school. Nino, the dedicated English teacher, holds every lesson for every class. Even though she puts all her time and energy into the school it's still not enough so that every lesson can be thoughtfully and efficiently planned.

With more teachers the lessons will be of higher level and the children will learn more and faster. This will give the kids an opportunity to get out of their village and communicate with foreigners which would be impossible otherwise.

Lamovani Public School has the platform and the engagement to become a great school but they do not have the resources. Our hope is that the school would be given resources so that they could hire more teachers but also improve their equipment as well as knowledge and technique. With these resources the children and teachers will be able to reach their full potential.





Chaduna

In the middle of the week we headed towards the small, but very charming, village called Argokhi where we stayed with Natalia and her womens cooperative, Chaduna Ladies. This cooperative produces jams and jellies. We had the pleasure to join the Chaduna Ladies in the process of packaging the jam, who knew packaging could be so fun? It's a lovely group of energetic ladies with rough stories to carry.

Natalia, that started the cooperative, haven't had it easy either. She got married and had 1 child at a young age but it didn't take long until she decided to divorce and start her own carrier. Her family didn't support her decision and therefore she was alone with her daughter and no money. Despite all her setbacks she started the cooperative and through hard work and help from the chaduna ladies she didn't only make a living out of it, but she also created a successful company. Natalia is truly a role model and we are all so happy that we got to meet her and her cooperative and that they welcomed us with open arms.

They are now starting a new project with breeding chicken. From what we've seen it looks promising and we wish them the best of luck for the future.



MAC Georgia

We visited MAC Georgia which is an organization that helps children with disabilities in Georgia.



They taught us about wheelchairs and the process of making them. As we found out a lot of wheelchairs aren't built properly for its user which can result in the disabilities getting worse. MAC Georgia works with making specialized wheelchairs that are suited for the people sitting in them.

In the picture above you can see the fourteen year old Nini sitting in a wheelchair. Nini lives in a primitive home and has been going to a school nearby. When the school was under renovation all the kids moved to another school, further away, for a year. This was a problem for Nini since she wasn't able to transport herself to the new school with the resources that the family has. As a result, Nini was homeschooled for that year. She missed out a lot of school and weren't able to meet her friends. As mentioned earlier she lives in a primitive home without television or phone which can become quite lonely in the long run.

Nini thought, with all right, that she was treated unfair. The school as well as the government should have acknowledged her disability and adopted the situation to it. Because of this, Nini, as a fourteen year old girl, opened up a case by herself. The case is still open and if Nini doesn't win she will have to pay for the case. This threatening method hasn't stopped her and we hope that she will be supported and win the case.

Roddy Scott

Towards the last days of our trip we went to a village called Pankisi located a few hours from Tbilisi in the north eastern part of Georgia. The village is mainly inhabited by the Chechen people that is a minority population in Georgia. Unlike the rest of the Georgian population the Chechen people aren't orthodox Christians. They are a Muslim minority and their contact with other Georgians that aren't Chechen is of rather poor quality. They live in alienation which means they aren't well included in the Georgian society.

While in Pankisi we visited a school with a very good reputation, especially about the great quality their English lessons had. The school was funded by the Roddy Scott foundation, which is an organization working to encourage children to learn English and they also encourage children to learn more about computers in order to grow better computer qualifications. For this reason we were able to communicate with a lot of children in different age ranges on this school. The younger children were a bit more shy and afraid to use their English, but with a little encouragement from their teachers we were able to get to know them a little. Some of the older kids were a bit shy as well, but because of their extended English knowledge we could have more of a dialogue with them.

Apart from their lack of contact with other Georgians the students at the school are very aware of what's happening in the world outside of Georgia. They are aware of the most important topics we have in the world today. The reason we know this is because on one of the lessons for older children that we attended, the students were discussing solutions to the global warming. They showed great knowledge about the topic and therefore it was easy to notice that they had definitely done their homework. They only used English when they were discussing and the teacher also participated in the discussion. After the discussion we got to talk some with the students, and they were very talkative and they asked a lot of questions. They really saw the opportunity and used their English skills to communicate with us, foreigners.

While we were talking to these students, they told us about their future plans, goals in life and dreams. They all seemed to have everything figured out and they all seemed very motivated to work towards their goals and so on. Apart from the students we also noticed the teachers work. The teachers working with the Roddy Scott project had all thoroughly developed English skills. Some of the teachers had learnt English themselves which we all got so impressed by. Imagine having to learn a foreign language all by yourself where you only have yourself to develop your English skills with.

Elsa Snäckerström, Erika Juhlin, Linn Hugo, Saga Eriksson

BILAGA 2



YOUTH VOLUNTEERING SERVAS PROJECT

AT THE KULTURERNAS KARNEVAL FESTIVAL -UPPSALA 20-28 MAY

SERVAS SWEDEN is offering this wonderful opportunity to 4 volunteers in Uppsala

- 4 volunteers and the task will be to help out wherever needed before, under and after the event (Possible tasks will be art and decorating, putting up posters around town, doing some construction, taking down things after the carnival, going around with organizers to buy and pick up stuff for the carnival and so on).
- Dates are from 20th to 28th of May and the dates of the festival is 25 and 26 of May.
- The accommodation will be in Servas families with youngsters and the food in the festival is free for volunteers.
- The volunteers need to be able to speak some English and be at least 18 years old.

All the interested people must fill the form before the 20th of February and the selection will be done before the 28th of February. All the selected youth must have the LOI before traveling.

Fill your application for in the following link: <https://goo.gl/forms/N4iPiePHLDSifFEQ2>

More info : <http://kulturernaskarneval.se/en/about-kulturernas-karneval/>



Why a carnival?

Kulturerne Karneval is a resounding cultural encounter and a colorful festival. It's cultural expression in all shapes, colors and tones. The carnival includes a parade and a two-day festival filled with music and dance, a lovely food and handicraft market, a playful childrens area, educational workshops, imaginative exhibitions and meetings with interesting organizations and associations. It's too much, we know. But it's Carnival!

The purpose of the festival is to highlight and celebrate society's diverse range of cultures and its expressions. We want to tribute this rich variety of cultures, each one individually and together. We want to make Sweden warmer. We want to create meetings and community, belonging and pride, joy and optimism.

Uppsala should be a city where everyone should feel welcome and a sense of belonging.

BILAGA 3

Välkommen till Servas 70-årsjubileum i Fredens hus på Uppsala slott lördagen den 9 november 2019

Det blir öppna föreläsningar och middag som alla är välkomna till.

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| 14.00-14.15 | <p>Välkommen!
Jonny Sågänger, Stockholm
Ordförande Servas International</p> <p>Eva Hartman-Juhlin, Uppsala
Ordförande Servas Sverige</p> |
| 14.15-14.45 | <p><i>Etik och mänskliga rättigheter - Moralens roll i berättigandet av fredsinsatser - exempel från sydafrikansk och rysk utrikespolitik</i>
Johanna Ohlsson, PhD/Projektledare regeringsuppdrag mänskliga rättigheter, Teologiska institutionen, Uppsala universitet</p> |
| 14.45-15.00 | <p><i>Ungdomsutbyte och volontärarbete i Georgien</i>
Linn, Saga och Elsa berättar om sin resa</p> |
| 15.00-15.30 | <p><i>Erfarenheter från arbete i krigsdrabbade länder</i>
Hella Hultin, Läkare utan gränser</p> |
| 15.30-16.00 | <p><i>The effectiveness of United Nations peacekeeping operations in protecting civilians</i>
Sabine Otto, Institutionen för freds- och konfliktforskning, Uppsala universitet</p> |
| 16.00 | <p>Middag bestående av indisk buffé (anmälan krävs)</p> |

Anmälan till evahj56@hotmail.com senast den 1 november om du vill vara med på middagen till självkostnadspris 200 kronor. Dryck betalas separat på plats. Meddela eventuella matallergier om du anmäler dig till på middagen.

Du behöver inte vara medlem för att delta i middagen.

