

SOFIA's Program Strategy

SOFIA aims in its program strategy to:

- Contribute to securing the right of the young generation to a sustainable future.
- Promote sustainable local development giving special priority to a vivid local civil society working with a rights-based approach and promoting sustainable local initiatives. Focus on securing the rights of the young to a sustainable future, with a social environment and education that gives a chance to every child, and a sustainable local food chain and good conditions for local, sustainable entrepreneurship.
- Emphasize local democracy and rights-based development 1) work with the poor, 2) empower marginalized people like: women, youth, disabled and economically and politically marginalized groups. Encourage transparency and fight corruption;
- See development as a holistic rather than atomized process: i.e. develop as many sectors as possible in society simultaneously.
- Acknowledge that processes of change must be initiated at grass-root level and that change takes time and must be based on attitudinal long-term change of the members of society;
- Share insights and cooperate on equal terms with partners at all levels, economically, socially and knowledge wise. Decision making must be shared and performed on equal terms;
- In our information activities in Sweden, we want to contribute to increasing people's awareness of important global justice issues, thereby strengthening the individual's ability to take a stand and influence Swedish and European policies on development issues.

SOFIAs thematic agenda:

- ***Environment / Agriculture***

SOFIA's goal is to protect arable land, forests and watercourses as well as to secure food supply. Regenerative organic agriculture and biodynamic cultivation provide guidelines for healthy and sustainable agriculture. Using local organic regenerative agriculture will minimize global warming and biodiversity loss and result in the sustainability of the local food system and counter food insecurity.

- ***Education***

The goal is for pupils to receive teaching that strengthens their initiative, self-confidence, creativity and social ability to think independently. Waldorf pedagogy provides inspiration and guidance.

- ***Health care***

The goal is for the weakest in society - the physically or mentally impeded, the socially excluded and the sick - to receive dignified treatment from communities and people around them. Curative education, inclusive social development and anthroposophical medicine show the way to care based on each person's prerequisites.

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