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## Welcome to Active Citizenship in Europe

Today, almost no issue is too local not to be affected by EU politics, and no organization too small not to benefit from European cooperation. In order to visualize the possibilities and identify the problems with being an active citizen in Europe, the Swedish Association for Adult Education (SAEA) and the European Association for Education of Adults (EAEA) will be jointly hosting a European conference at the World Culture Museum in Gothenburg on 29-30 September 2009. Our ambition is that this meeting between non-formal education organizations and policy makers from all corners of Europe will inspire more active citizenship and the development of advocacy work in Europe.

### Three main themes

To exemplify active citizenship the conference will focus on three themes: social inclusion; identity; climate change and energy. The examples can focus on advocacy at all levels in Europe, from the study circle reacting to local political decisions, to European umbrella organizations lobbying the EU institutions in Brussels. The methodology and culture of non-formal adult education will help to ensure a creative and inter active conference.

### Programme

The conference begins with an introductory discussion on active citizenship and advocacy in Europe, between the EU Minister Cecilia Malmström, the Vice-President of the EU Commission Margot Wallström, and the Finnish EU Minister Astrid Thors. The discussion will be conducted with the audience and various panels. We plan to broadcast the discussion digitally in Stockholm, Gothenburg and Malmö, and in some European cities. The day ends with the opportunity to mingle and a 'climate-friendly' buffet.

The second day of the conference consists of about 20 seminars and various cultural events. The conference is being held in conjunction with the EU's Informal Education Minister meeting in Gothenburg.

### Non-formal adult education in Gothenburg

On the afternoon of -28th and the morning of -29th September, the participants will have the opportunity to visit the activities of the study associations in Gothenburg, to see how non-formal adult education is being practiced.

### Active citizenship moves on

The discussions around the Lisbon Treaty have made clear the need for an increased dialogue and a closer cooperation between the EU institutions and civil society in Europe. SAEA and EAEA will continue working for a more active citizenship, with the help of the alliances and contacts that will arise from the conference. The conference will also result in an appeal to the new European Parliament and Commission.

### Information and registration

Register with Marie Fredriksson at [marie@studieforbunden.se](mailto:marie@studieforbunden.se), or telephone 0046-8-402 01 58, with your name, address, organization and telephone number. The deadline for registrations is 31st August. The participant fee is 30 euros, which includes meals, but not the cost of accommodation or travel to the conference. Visit our web page [www.activeineurope.org](http://www.activeineurope.org) to book accommodation and receive information on active citizenship and the conference. The number of participants is limited, so please register quickly to be sure of a place.



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