Multilevel governance for holistic rural development

"The local action group as a Local Pact"

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LAG:s role:

 To give the local population the power to form their own future

LAG shall enable that

We have a responsibility to the local communities

Build long term relationships





- 15 years
- Leader has been a partner since the beginning
- Trust and relationships are important
- Local community is the key to success
- Their development were not planned
- Each project might not fully have lived up to all objectives
- Together they have helped form a thriving rural community

Welcome to the Nedre Dalälven River Landscape

Located just an hour and a half north of Stockholm Nedre Dalälven is known far and wide for its unique natural and cultural environments, which are so remarkable that it has been designated a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve.

Nedre Dalälven
Oslo

Arlanda flygplats Stockholm

Falur
Göteborg

Rogenham

Gdansk

Prey through

A trip in Nedre Dalälven is a journey through a humble but majestic landscape. Where north meets south in the Swedish countryside and where the unique environment at the very heart of the area is protected as Färnebofjärdens National Park.

Ever expanding open landscapes, interspersed with deep forests. Numerous well-preserved historic industrial sites dotted out along the river like a string of pearls. In our area you will also find many examples of Swedish industrial development.

Nedre Dalälven has everything you're looking for – from fishing, kayaking, guided tours and adventures, to quiet and tranquil municipalities with nature and easy accessible wilderness light experiences. If you are looking for large scale tourism you shall travel elsewhere. Our area is characterized by small scale businesses and operations.



Nedre Dalälven NGO+Ltd 1986

- Local stakeholders
- <u>Municipalities</u>, landowners, local tourism
- Promote tourism, support businesses and increase population
- Attractive area with a valuable natural and cultural heritage
- Support members and the areal sectors

Leader 2001



- EU, government and municipalities funds up to 100% of costs
- Volontary time/private money
- Co operation through financing, projects and local governance
- Supports local tourism, entrepreneurship, attractive areas for inhabitants as well as visitors, local meeting places, etc

Biosphere Reserve 2011

- Local and regional processes
- Designated by **UNESCO**
- Experimental areas for sustainable development
- Research
- Focus areas:
 multifunctional
 landscapes, sustianable
 tourism, living waters,
 biological mosquito
 control
- Protected areas, bufferzones and developing areas



Youth in Nedre Dalälven

- Since the start in 2001 we have worked especially with rural youth
- Small scale projects "by youth for youth" as a way to empowerment
- Our LAG has 2 members under the age of 25
- We believe in letting the young people in, it is their future we are working for!





- Keep having the conversation with the different communities
- What do they want and need?
- How can we facilitate that?
- Can we? If not, maybe we can point them in another direction, support them in another way...
- Believe in the local population
- Local governance works
- Let the young people in, it is their future!!