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## **A STRONGER SOCIETY AND A MORE SECURE ESKILSTUNA**

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# **We want Eskilstuna and Sweden to be secure in a new era. Eskilstuna shall be a leading social welfare city in the country.**

**We want to continue with the extensive efforts made to increase the staffing in the social welfare services and in the police, and greater support for families with children and retirees. The fight against crime should be uncompromising.**

Now the Swedish economy is strong; we've gained momentum with work job and have a new migration policy. But we have done too little to address the integration problems, for too long. Now, the new arrivals must return to work. Our goal is a Sweden where everyone works and contributes, no matter who you are, and where everyone should be able to live on their earnings from employment. All of Sweden needs to fight and concentrate efforts towards dealing with today's major societal problems with a social welfare that does not deliver and a growing uncertainty. A sense of security creates future trust and cohesion. We shall go forward, together.

Eskilstuna is a great place that holds Sweden's industrial history. A place with the potential to become even better, however with challenges that must be addressed. The citizens of the town own the organisation referred to as the municipality of Eskilstuna. It is the organisation that we in the Social Democratic Party seek support in order to be able to offer leadership and to lead.

## **OUR ELECTION PLATFORM IN 200 WORDS**

**We put children and the aged before major tax cuts. They are our main priority. 70 preschool departments, five residences designed for the aged/sheltered accommodations/ retirement homes and several schools should be built. Preschool fees should be lowered and pensions raised.**

From now on, the municipal organisation should place the emphasis on less administration and place fewer burdens on the municipality's employees, so that they obtain better preconditions to fulfil their obligations and work. The working environment should be strengthened so that those working with social welfare can better cope with their job responsibilities.

In order to obtain the financial resources for better social welfare, more people should be working. It can be accomplished via requirements and educational opportunities. And not only that, but also by means of growing commercial activities. It is a priority to build more residential housing. Housing that even ordinary people have the means to afford. The movement of traffic should be improved. Therefore a ring road; should be built.

A sense of security is extremely important. We must strengthen the social welfare, fight crime and the causes of criminality. Gender equality between people must also increase. Social inequality, failed integration plans and high levels of unemployment are problems that must be combated. Eskilstuna must have a reasonable, lower and longer-term reception of refugees. Gender equality between the sexes is a given. There is zero tolerance towards extremism and problems with "honour crimes" and violence. We must take responsibility for an ecologically sustainable society.

We must build a common society for all where no one can choose or be forced to stand outside. We will build a stronger and more secure Eskilstuna and Torshälla.



# EDUCATION THROUGHOUT ONE'S ENTIRE LIFE

**All children and adolescents should have the right to an equal education with high quality which is responsive to individual needs and where the various preconditions are satisfied.**

Schools with the greatest challenges must receive increased resources. Children with special needs must receive support. High expectations and the belief that everyone can succeed is something that the students in Eskilstuna's schools are to encounter every day. Good study results come from hard work, a desire to learn and with personnel who have time to be engaged – not via tax cuts and hunting for profits.

Students should be able to choose their school, however schools should not be able to choose who their students will be. We will break the development that results in children being increasingly sorted in different schools based on their parents' income and educational background. Knowledge should be the priority, and it must come first.

In our Eskilstuna, we want to have a well-integrated school that promotes language development for students. We need to strengthen and clarify the importance of after-school centres/ recreational centres for schoolchildren, where the after-school education is the mortar that joins together the school subjects and students' personal development which provides a basic sense of security.

The preschool is to be characterised by a sense of security with a combination of play and learning; the foundation for life is established here. In order to reduce the child groupings, it is important to build more preschools. And we have begun with that now. And continuing with the recruiting of additional staff. The staff should be able to feel adequate, and have time for reflection and recovery.

## **THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS IN ESKILSTUNA WANT (among other things):**

- that a larger proportion of students attend primary school with passing grades and leave upper secondary schools with the necessary prerequisites to being higher education studies.
- that early efforts will characterise the school by providing support beginning in the early ages.
- that the schools of Eskilstuna Municipality should be mobile-free during the educational period.
- that the school should be completely free of drugs, violence, other crimes and sexism.
- that preschool and after-school activities will (in the long term) be free of charge.
- that the groups in preschool decrease and resources end up where they are most needed.
- that teachers' administrative burdens should decrease in favour of time with the students.
- that managers should be available and accessible, and engaged in everyday work at preschools and other schools.
- that all parents should be able to follow their child in a consistent and easy-to-use IT support.
- that the possibility to meet a counsellor and psychologist should be available every day.
- introduce play-period guards at all schools.
- that "Nattis" activities in the preschools should be studied in order to consider an expansion.
- that Mälardalens Högskola/Mälardalen University College will become a full university.

## SECURITY FOR THE AGED, ACTIVITY AND MONITORING

**Much of what we take for granted has been created by the generation that is now beginning to get on in years and living longer. They have given their lives, their time, their knowledge and their sweat to build our society, and they can count on the fact that society is now paying them back.**

The forthcoming electoral period is to be characterised by expanded geriatric care and home help services. Approximately one new place in a residence designed for the aged per year with approximately 60-100 apartments will be needed. These are the largest investments since the birth of the social welfare state. In order to do this, everyone has to be gainfully employed and contribute.

Most older people are not in need of major care efforts. However in order to strengthen the opportunities for an independent active life, we must focus on the various different options for the aged, such as different types of sheltered/serviced housing, where there is scope for cooperation and utilisation of premises and resources. Therefore, we want to protect the free travel for 65plus and extend this to weekends. Can we also increase the financial support for retirement organisations that make many good activities are highly valued. We also want to set up a new and modern senior centre in a central location.

Those who have been active in building up our country and laid the foundation with their work for our common social welfare have the right to peace and a feeling of security during their old age. The pension must be sustainable and equal. The unfair retirement tax shall be abolished.

### THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS IN ESKILSTUNA WANT (among other things):

- construct more residences designed for the aged/ in the next few years.
- further developing and increase home help services – Our aged should not always need to encounter meet new staff.
- to create housing forms that strengthen community and joint exploitation of shared resources.
- strengthen mental health with more food, touch points and other efforts to give our elderly a rich and worthy life.
- simplify the opportunities for our aged to obtain home help services and healthcare and social care through simplified aid management.
- offer simpler home-based services to help prevent accidents.
- that workclothes in healthcare and social care should be provided by the employer.
- offer in-service training staff development opportunities, career advancement possibilities, skills development and good salary conditions, and employ more personnel in geriatric care and care of the aged in general.
- abolish the retirement tax until 2020 and increase the amount of the pensions.



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# A STRONGER SOCIETY.

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**Our laws apply to everyone. The society is going to force hard against both the crime itself and its causes. Crime is basically usually a consequence of economic gaps. Therefore, there are reduced gaps and more in jobs that are the most important effort.**

Social welfare efforts//initiatives action shall be done at an early stage. We must cut off the tail that arises and is linked to the criminally active. We see problems that parents can not or cannot take responsibility for their children. These families need support before the situation goes too far and gets out of hand.

In our Eskilstuna there are commitments and together we create opportunities for each other. Integration needs to be improved, which is facilitated by the more restrictive migration policy now introduced. Work in the black economy (unreported employment), “honour crimes” and violence, drug trafficking, religious and political extremism, subjection of women, unemployment, deficient education and other factors that contribute, in the worst-case, to parallel societies is something we Social Democrats want to fight against. We do this on the basis of our social welfare systems and we demand something in return. We do it with education and guidance. With law and protection of rights. There should be no room for ending up at the fringes of society or being excluded, either involuntarily or one’s own accord.

### **THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS IN ESKILSTUNA WANT (among other things):**

- that the society should be equally hard on both the crime and its causes.
- set up more security surveillance cameras.
- have increased support for parents who are not capable of handling the situation concerning their children.
- see an offensive work against cheating and undeclared work where the municipality, the Swedish Tax Agency, the police and other public authorities work together in joint cooperate.
- that efforts and action must be taken against the use and sale of drugs in and around schools, in certain neighbourhoods and in the city’s pubs.
- that violence against women by men, and honour-related violence and oppression should be met with a zero tolerance policy, educational efforts, and legal measures.
- that a new district court building is being constructed in Eskilstuna, as well as a cemetery in Hällby.
- that the police presence in our neighbourhoods increases.
- that the municipality’s services and activities should be revamped by countering financial, social and ethnic divisions.
- that the society places strict demands on learning the Swedish language as a step towards reduced gaps.

# A SAFE AND SECURE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, IN A WORLD CLASS

**Sweden has a healthcare system for all in world-class and the medical results are very good in an international comparison. However at the same time there are big challenges.**

Perhaps the biggest challenge in healthcare is to be able to satisfy the needs for people with the proper skills. Therefore, nationwide we have expanded the educational programmes and training for nurses, specialist nurses and midwives, and gradually we also expand medical education for doctors. We have also added SEK two billion for the further development of healthcare practices and recruitment and hiring of personnel. An additional billion kronor is being invested to increase accessibility in primary care with a sharpened healthcare guarantee. In addition to this, there are also major supplements for increased quality in childbirth care and better psychiatric care for youth and adults.

Cancer is one of today's most significant and worst diseases. One in every three Swede is affected sometime in their life. No one should have to wait one day too long for care when there is a suspicion of cancer. The wait must be short and the treatments should be equally good throughout the country.

In order for Sörmland to achieve the established goal of becoming Sweden's healthiest county in 2025, we must develop preventive and health-promoting work. In order to be successful, we need to work both with efforts that reach everyone as well as those targeted at certain groups. We want the health centres to have a broad and clear public health mission, and we see that the abolition of charges that have been introduced for visits to our healthcare centres is a key factor in this.

## **THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS IN ESKILSTUNA WANT (among other things):**

- to prioritise investment in health care before tax cuts and privatisations.
- to strengthen our overall social welfare model. The publicly funded social welfare must maintain high quality and encompass everyone.
- to introduce a rule to stop winnings in the social welfare.
- that mobile "Senior Teams" and "Children's Teams" should be present throughout the county.
- to build a new health centre at the centre and a new family centre in Fröslunda.
- to improve interaction between student healthcare and the general health and medical care.
- to introduce free senior vaccinations for everyone over 65 years old.
- that all healthcare centres have a senior reception.
- that all aged and chronically ill people should have an established long-term doctor's contact.
- that the possibility of booking a visit electronically should be available.
- to strengthen child and adolescent psychiatry investigation resources.
- that Sörmland should have a "zero vision" for suicide.
- introduce a ceiling for the number of listed per general practitioners in our own primary care.
- that all employees in the county council should have their own skills and personal development plan.
- to shorten waiting times in health and medical care.



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## WE ALSO WANT:

- to work together with parties that share our view of all people's equal value.
- that the city centre will develop even more to a safe, secure, and comfortable place for residents, culture, entrepreneurship, experiences, trade and meetings based on different and specially adapted efforts to address the problems that arise with e-commerce.
- that the Västerleden is broadened and linked with the E20 via a new eastern link – thus creating a ring road.
- that the railroad towards Skogstorp is taken out in order to remove the crossing at Stålfors Bridge.
- that the whole of Eskilstuna is to live, and it must be possible to live in the city as well as in the countryside, live, and in the same manner, the business climate and enterprise should be stimulated.
- that new parking garages in strategic locations should be built in order to relieve the city centre from excessive traffic and that trimming and improvements to the road network should be made in order to facilitate the flow of traffic.
- build more affordable homes where ordinary people can afford to live.
- inventory historical environments and take a look at how they can be restored and upgraded.
- that gender equality permeates everything the Municipality does.
- continue the development of the Competence Gallery and validation for employability.
- continue developing partnerships with the sporting movement for an inclusive and sustainable child and youth sport.
- together with the community, carry out a “facilities lift” of SEK 100 million, of which SEK 25 million is allocated annually during the term of office.
- that the many different parts of the culture should be strengthened and given a more prominent role.
- have Youth Squares and meeting venues in several neighbourhoods.
- double the funding for the stadsmissionen's core activities.
- increase the subsidy grants to women's journals.
- investigate an increase in the number of fractions in the refuse collection.
- work for the Municipality to receive a reserve supply of water.
- interconnect and make the bicycle path network coherent and better, and where it is possible, separate the walking and cycling paths.
- increase the proportion of locally produced foods within the Municipality's operations.
- introduce the working time model “80-90-100” within the Municipality (work 80% of full time, up to 90% of the salary, earn 100% occupational pension).

# WE KEEP OUR PROMISES

**We list below a list with an overview of everything we have implemented during 2014-2018:**

- We have pushed down the unemployment rate for young people from about 26% to close to 11%. In our community, it's sinking the fastest in the country.
- Major establishments of companies and thus new jobs have been made possible. Amazon Webb Services, Sportamore, Rockwool and Transcom are some examples.
- A social welfare initiative for 70 new preschool departments, 6 new residences designed for the aged/ several new schools with staff have been decided upon.
- The municipality's finances is well-managed. All activities have received significantly more financial resources for each year. We know that more is needed. But the direction and focus is clear. More resources to more social welfare is instead of reduced taxes.
- A new bathhouse, a new sports arena, a new ice hall and additional sports halls have been built in order to further develop sport activities in Eskilstuna.
- Social and supportive efforts for the purpose of reducing insecurity, counteracting criminality and reducing the financial gaps has been significantly expanded.
- Housing construction has reached record levels. Presently, approximately 2,500 residences are in production, or are close being in production. Housing of varying form and price.
- The first steps to build a traffic ring road around Eskilstuna have been taken, in order to reduce traffic jams.
- The gender equality work has been developed and expanded, and the Municipality has been designated as Sweden's best municipality in working with gender equality.
- Introduce personnel clothing in, for instance, preschool and geriatric care as well as the right to the desired level of employment.
- A new train depot for the whole of Mälardalen has been built in Eskilstuna with 150 new jobs as a result. This means that the 33 new modern trains will be serviced in Eskilstuna.
- The number of train trips per day from Eskilstuna will increase provisionally from 15.5 to 29. Our demand is that several are direct trains.
- Reduce the number of households in dependence on livelihood support (basic maintenance support) by about 1,000 households. The costs {40 have fallen by about SEK 12 million.  
... and more.

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