

# Vision Nacka



Together, now, we are laying the foundations for the Nacka that we, our children, grandchildren and their descendents are going to live in.

## Vision Nacka Openness and diversity

Nacka is a good municipality, worth defending and developing. The vision is for Nacka's strongest characteristic to be openness and diversity. These words describe an attitude that could be crucial to Nacka's future!

Today, we naturally cannot say what Nacka is going to look like in 25-30 years. On the other hand, we can have aspirations about the direction we want to go in. We want to have an attractive municipality, in which people from different backgrounds, with different aptitudes and aspirations can feel secure and live together. Where there is a good mix of housing, areas for taking walks and city centre type facilities, as well as a strong economy with large and small companies.

We are convinced that this vision of openness and diversity will contribute both to protecting and developing Nacka. Together, let us keep the vision alive and make sure that it becomes a practical reality!

Erik Langby  
Mayor, Chairman Executive Committee



“All individuals must feel that they have the chance to realize their dreams here in Nacka.”

## Openness and diversity the inspiration for a new Nacka Spirit

A vision expressing an attitude means that everyone is involved in creating the actual content.

The meaning of the term “openness and diversity” develops in factors like political party programmes, municipal activities, private companies’ business plans and the actions of individual people.

Openness towards one another and the surrounding world is the stimulus for a creative environment, as well as for positive development and adaptation to new conditions.

Consciously working towards developing openness leads to increased diversity within the community.

The hope is that, in the long term, this vision will make such a breakthrough in different parts of the community that it will create something that could be described as the Nacka Spirit.



“Imagine if Nacka were to become like a little New York – not the bricks and mortar – but a town that is extremely full of energy, culture and crowds of different people.”

“What, isn’t it good the way it is?”

## Openness and diversity is an important organisational tool

Openness and diversity mean taking an active stance that is going to permeate all municipal activities. In concepts, plans, decisions and actions.

In practice, this could result in new working methods, new ways of working in the preparatory phase before making decisions on certain issues.

For example, it might mean that concerned civic groups will become informed and involved at an earlier stage in the proceedings. That they are given the opportunity to participate in early discussions concerning an issue and that they are also offered the opportunity of being involved while proposals are being developed.

In turn, this makes demands on openness, flexibility and maintaining sensitivity in dialogue with citizens, business and special interest organisations.



“In 25 years, all people will want to come and live here in Nacka.  
A fantastic community that is a model for all of the other  
municipalities in the country.  
Good schools, good housing, good communications.  
Good workplaces. Yes, everything is good!”

“Everything? Talk about flying high!”

## Openness and diversity strengthens municipal democracy

Fundamentally, the vision is a democratic attitude. It relies on people's rights and obligations collectively to shape the future.

Accompanying the vision is the ambition to achieve more encounters between many different people, across party boundaries. And, in this way, to move towards a renewed, strong form of municipal democracy.

A new perspective, a new way of thinking, emerges and develops once people act, react and express their opinions.

Politicians, regardless of party affiliation, are responsible for the long view and the general view.



A vision elevates and creates the best conditions for good social development when as many people as possible share it and pull in the same direction.

## Openness and diversity is a firm foundation for building the future

Our vision is long-term.

That means that it will be a long-lasting concept and will not need to be changed because of temporary circumstances such as terms of political office or fluctuations in the economic cycle.

Openness and diversity stimulates fresh thinking and a forward-looking attitude.

At the same time, it is important not to forget, but to remain open to the lessons of history and to learn from them.

Which organisational tools, models, political rendez-vous and procedures have led to today's vision?

Historically, which "cultures" have brought us to today's Nacka Spirit?

The answers to these questions will be a natural starting point for continued work towards the future.



“Darling, what do you think living in Nacka will be like in twenty or thirty years, when Emma and Jonas are grown up?”

## Openness and diversity gives us a rich community

Openness means that the municipality's inhabitants, politicians and officials are sensitive and open to other cultures, to different attitudes, to new ideas and new ways of resolving problems and conflicts.

Openness leads to increased diversity of ideas, groups, cultures, companies and activities.

Diversity enriches our community by adding vitality and providing inspiration for new solutions.

It means that it is also all right to fail, and natural to support those who, by their own efforts, are unable to create good living conditions for themselves.

Of course, the content and spirit of the Vision cannot erase the opposition that exists around different issues, but it may create increased respect and understanding for different points of view.



“People are happiest when they get together with people that like exactly the same things. That is obvious!”

“Really?”

## Openness and diversity stimulates development

Together, with this vision, we can develop the Nacka Spirit into a cultural mainstay within our community.

It affects us all and develops in all parts of the community - from club activities to the services available.

It is a stimulus for entrepreneurs in an innovative economy where the boundaries between traditional production, training, experience and cultural expression are being erased.

The perspective that the vision expresses will, in other words, pave the way into the future.

For us all.



“The future?”

“Who can afford to be bothered about that?  
For most people it’s a matter of struggling through normal everyday life.”



"A vision doesn't make any difference.  
People just think of themselves anyway.  
Isolating themselves in their own groups."

"Is that the way you want it to be, then?"

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