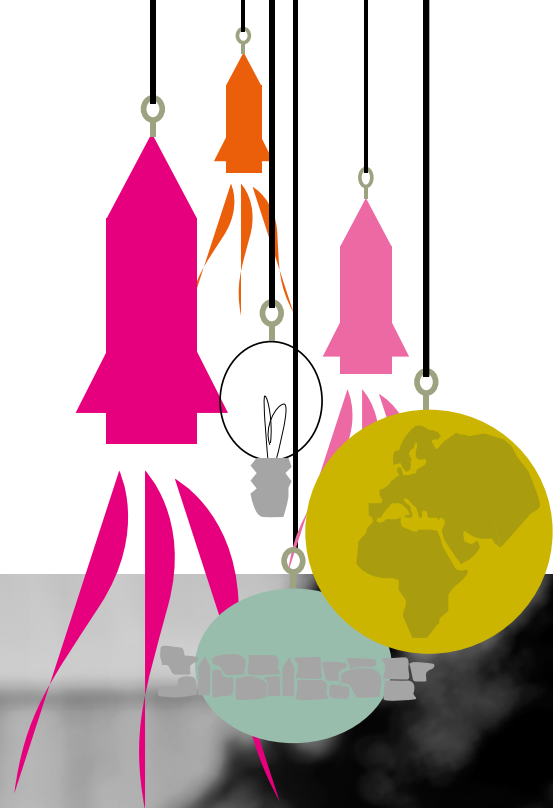


# Inspired by space

- when astronaut's came to Kronoberg



## We certainly are inspired by space!

Since Christer Fuglesang announced that the Association of Space Explorers wanted Sweden to host the Planetary Congress in 2015, we have tried to make the best out of this opportunity. We started the project Mot nya höjder (Reaching for the stars) with the aim to increase young student's interest in science, technology and mathematics - inspired by space.

A couple of months have gone by since our guests left Sweden and Kronoberg. We can honestly say that you left a great impression on us. You inspired students to follow their dreams, to study hard and become the best they can be. Today young students tell us they want to become a scientist, an engineer and perhaps even an astronaut. The 25 th of September 2015 will, for a long time, be remembered! Thank you!

On the following pages we will take you back to your days in Kronoberg. You will see students smiling, interesting Tech Sessions but also when the spouses met Näcken, trols and had fika with Swedish families...

I hope that you will always feel welcome back to Sweden and Kronoberg.



Kristina Alsér, County Governor

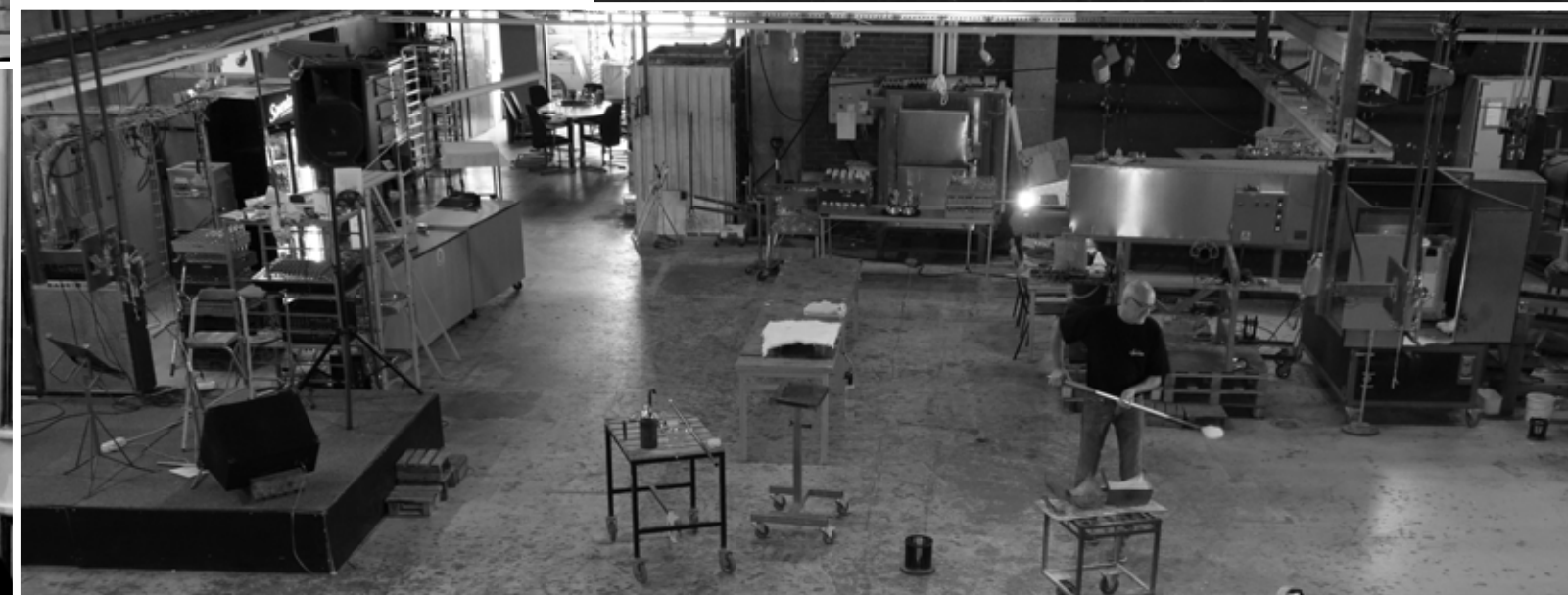




*Late Thursday night, County Governor Kristina Alsér welcomed our guests to the Residence in Växjö. It was the start of what became memorable days in Kronoberg.*



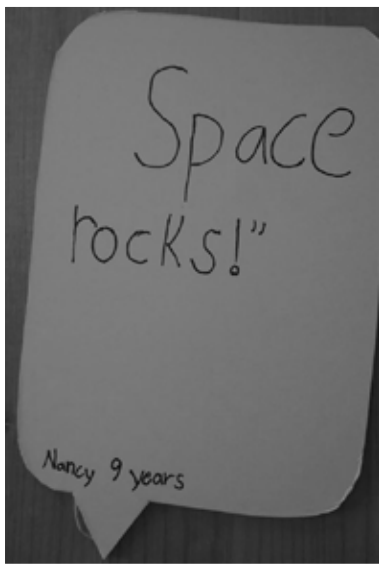
*Friday morning and time to share some of our favourite places with the spouses. Of course a visit to Kosta and the glassblowing factory was the first stop. After all, you were now in the Kingdom of Chrystal!*







Many students in Kronoberg had been working with a project called *Mot nya höjder* (Reaching for the stars) for almost a year. A project about space with the aim to increase the students interest in Science, Mathematics and Technology. They were well prepared but a little nervous to meet you. All together, you made a visit to 44 schools that day. And what an impact you made. Today many of the kids say they want to study at the University and become an engineer, a scientist or perhaps even an astronaut...







*From the Kingdom of Chrystal to Swedish tales about trols, fairys and Näcken. And of course, a visit to Sweden is not complete if you have not had Fika. Families were thrilled to invite you to their house for homemade cinnamon buns and cookies. Hopefully a lovely afternoon not only for them, but also for you!*





*Tech Sessions about Future Space Vehicles and Next Human Destination at Linnaeus University. The University was also the host of the dinner on Friday evening.*







*Why not take our guests to the forest and plant trees? Yes, why not? So we did, and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. Welcome back and take a look at your forest one day!*







*After an early start with Tech Session at Linnaeus University, we went to Älmhult and the home of IKEA. Students from the local school met you with a giant rocket for everyone to sign!*

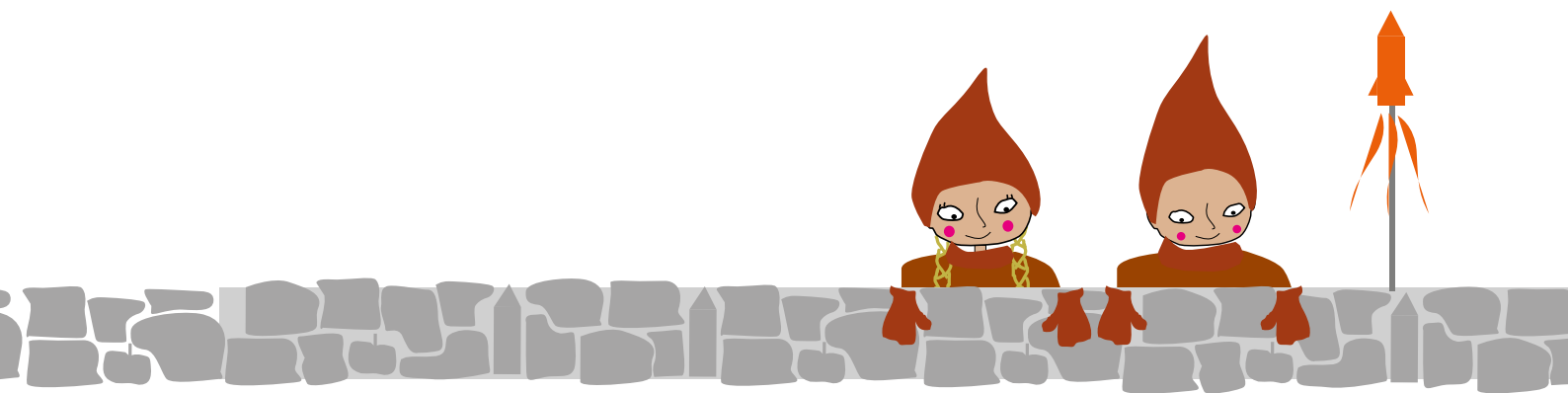
*Back in Växjö it was time for Closing Ceremony and Final Dinner at PM & Vänner.*



*Thank you for interesting, exciting and memorable days. Always feel welcome back!*



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