

BRING DOWN THE SKY TO THE EARTH

**How to use forests to open up for
constructive climate change pathways
in local contexts**



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PROJECT FRAMES

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AIM

- Help overcome the “feeling” that climate change is something distant in time and space. Fill the gap between individual and global aspirations, focussing on the local.
 - = Improve local communities’ capability to find alternative pathways for adaption and mitigation of climate change.

We will use local forests to:

1. Make climate change relevant and locally understood.
2. Find feasible strategies for local sustainable development.
3. Develop tailor made methods for forest management + understanding of their consequences.

WHAT WE WANT TO ACHIEVE

”Reflexive forestry”/thoughtful planning of forest resources in local contexts

- Create open and collaborative learning processes for forest planning and governance in a changing climate
- Decrease local conflicts around forests
- Build current policy and management decisions on knowledge about history and visions of the future
- Contribute to a new societal contract for forests



METHOD & OUTPUT

- Social learning in focus. Researchers and local stakeholders work together.
- Stakeholders = forest owners, environmental movement, tourism and recreation, cultural heritage, Saami organisations etc.
- Interviews, workshops, excursions, dialogues with authorities (activities that enables innovation, reflection, negotiation, i.e. "learning events")
- Places: Vindeln, Umeå, Lessebo, Växjö (i.e. rural/urban, north/south)
- Scientific output: articles, exhibition