

SUMMER COURSES IN STOCKHOLM...

Never mind the lingo

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Folkuniversitetet, the established adult education institute, has for the last few years offered numerous evening classes and short courses in the capital - with English as the language of instruction.

"We have concentrated on arts and craft and hobby courses, which have proved popular," says course coordinator Ulrika Engerstam.

This year Folkuniversitetet is taking the concept a step further in launching a summer school with a variety of classes in English on offer.

Not bound to the classroom, it also offers students the opportunity to experience Stockholm with a new perspective. The courses take place in the morning and early afternoon and are followed by optional social activities such as gallery and museum visits.

Native speakers are welcome but the summer school is also open to adults with a good grasp of English, regardless of mother tongue. "The courses have a wide appeal," Engerstam says.

"There are those whose Swedish isn't good enough to take a course in the language, non-Swedes visiting Stockholm and even Swedes who want to use English for fun," she adds.

So, not only can you meet people with like-minded interests from around the world, it's an opportunity to mingle with locals. By default then, your Swedish could even improve too. ■

Your language skills, or lack of them, need not be a barrier to learning. Sweden, for the most part, is ever ready to accommodate the English speaker. Even educate him or her. And not only in the intricacies of Swedish grammar.



COURSES

Silversmithing and Jewellery, 5 days starting 11 August

Oil-painting, 5 days, starting 11 August

Photography, 3 days, starting 4 August

Glass-blowing, 1 day, 5 and 8 August

Interested?

For more information: www.folkuniversitetet.se/stockholm (click on "Classes given in English").

Registration runs until June 10 although late booking can sometimes be accommodated. For enquiries and registration call 08-789 42 00 or e-mail to direkt@folkuniversitetet.se