



HOMEBUILDERS

SECTOR

Quality employment

COUNTRY

Sweden

DURATION

After being a project for five years, practices became part of general activity

FUNDING

Total budget: No specific project budget
National/regional: The job centre financially supports trainees

PARTNERS

The Swedish job centre, Skanska (construction company)

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SUMMARY

Vivalla is Örebro's biggest neighbourhood, with high levels of unemployment. It is also an area in which about 600 apartments were due to be reconstructed to make housing and living more sustainable. To tackle the high level of unemployment at the same time, the Homebuilders project was included in the public procurement process, requiring the chosen contractor to employ tenants of Vivalla who had experienced difficulties in entering the labour market.

With the assistance of the local job centre, each disadvantaged employee was mentored by a different contractor throughout the whole period, thereby allowing them to develop the skills to build houses in their own neighbourhood.

The project has a lasting positive impact on many participants: 68 residents

have gone on to become trainee electricians, carpenters, painters and cleaners. Of these 68 people, at least 20 were hired after their training period.

"I came from Burma to Sweden in 2005. It is difficult to get a job in Sweden but after my trainee position in this project, I got the chance to attend a building school. Now I have a job as an apprentice carpenter and I can send money to my parents and my home village and it feels so good."

- Win Maung Htein, a project participant