

THESIS PROJECT

THE EFFECT OF PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE ON STUDENT'S ABILITIES FOR WICKED PROBLEM SOLVING

CLIENT

Miljöbron is Sweden's oldest and largest professional organization for business and student collaboration within sustainable development. We are located in Västra Götaland and Skåne and engage about 500 students and 200 companies in cooperation projects for sustainable development each year. During 20 years of collaboration projects, we have brought together more than 1,500 companies with over 4000 students. Miljöbron offers primarily four types of collaboration: short missions, course integrated case projects, internships and thesis projects.

In 2015, a study was conducted on the impact of Miljöbron on students. The study focused on how the engagement in a Miljöbron project developed students' abilities, skillsets, contacts etc. The method used was a survey with self-assessment questions.

TASK

Now, Miljöbron wants to gain a deeper understanding of these results. In the current debate around Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), the need of students to be able to handle so called wicked problems is identified. Wicked problems are problems that are difficult or impossible to solve because of incomplete, contradictory, and changing requirements that are often difficult to recognize. Considering Miljöbron as an important actor within ESD, we are interested to know more what effect Miljöbron have on students' abilities to handle wicked problems. A suggested method for this research is in-depth interviews and/or observation of students from a selection of our projects.

Final delimitations are made in consultation with the thesis supervisor and contact person at the client. Both student and client should be aware that academic relevancy is mandatory.

Prerequisites

The thesis project is suitable for students within the field of education.

Scope

The project is aimed primarily at master students (30 hec), but can be adapted to bachelor level (15 hec) provided the right candidate.

Location

Göteborg

Reimbursement for travel expenses within Västra Götaland

Yes

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Application

Please e-mail CV, cover letter and course record with grades, to ex-jobb@miljobron.se. State clearly what project you are applying to. Also, please let us know if you are interested in any of our other listed thesis projects.

Apply as soon as possible! Recruitment is ongoing!



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