

SOFIA ASSOCIATION



ANNUAL REPORT 2018
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INTRODUCTION

The Board of Directors of the Association SOFIA hereby submits the annual report for the financial year 2018.

Management report

SOFIA is a platform organization for international sustainable development projects. SOFIA Associations' goal is to promote development in poor countries. The association works for its purpose through:

- Supporting anthroposophical inspired development initiatives within pedagogy, agriculture and healthcare.
- Strengthen the knowledge of and understanding of the situation in poor countries.
- To develop and strengthen collaboration between various initiatives working with sustainable development to increase their impact.

The association's vision is a sustainable and solidarity world, which is characterized by: All peoples equal worth, rights and obligations.

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- A free creative cultural and social life for everyone, who gives meaning and space to life.
- A production and consumption of goods and services that respond to people's needs and nature's conditions in all parts of the world.

**SOFIAS GOAL IS TO
PROMOTE
DEVELOPMENT IN
POOR COUNTRIES.**

Areas of responsibility within the board	
Post	Name
Chairman	Nina Ljunquist
Vice Chairman	Vesa-Matti Loiske
Secretary	Ylva Hammarsten
Cashier	Emanuel Eklund
Employee Responsible	Merle Hagerrot
Representative of the Swedish Anthroposophical Society	Mats-Ola Ohlsson
	Elle-Kari Ernholm
Substitute	Lennart Sundström
Substitute	Katarina Lauren

Composition

The board elected at the annual meeting on 15th April has consisted of Nina Ljungquist, Vesa-Matti Loiske, Ylva Hammarsten, Mats-Ola Ohlsson, Emanuel Eklund and Merle Hagerrot. Lennart Sundström and Katharina Laurén have been deputies. Mats-Ola Olsson has been elected as the Anthroposophical Society's representative.

Meetings

In 2018, the Board held eleven board meetings. Two meetings were held with the old board and 2 per capsulam meetings with five respective 7 members attending. Six meetings were held with the new board after the annual meeting in April. In addition, one per capsulam meeting where nine were present. After the annual meeting, the average attendance was 6.2, the same level as previous year. In addition to the members' attendance, the manager has attended all board meetings, other chancellor's staff on one occasion. During the year, parts of the Board also held meetings with the Registry, project groups, and smaller work meetings.

Board work

The Board is responsible for the association's finances and ongoing affairs. At each Board meeting, the the manager reports from the projects and other current issues for the business. Employee issues and the association's finances are also standing points at each meeting. The Board works for the association's long-term strategic development.

Project applications to Forum Syd

In 2018, seven applications were submitted to Forum Syd. Four applications submitted were granted funds. Tanzania got a new three year project starting in January 2019 Project iThemba in South Africa was granted to take over unspent funds from 2017 ending 2019. SOFIA was granted funding for information activities in Sweden 2019. Project for elderly people in Arusha, Tanzania got a pre-study grant starting in 2019.

Within SOFIA there are various project groups that consist of people in Sweden who are committed to support a partner organization in a developing country. They collect money, inform, plan projects and visit the partner organizations. If it is a SIDA-funded project, a project manager is responsible for applications, reporting and other requirements. Below is a report from the groups that have been active during 2018 in Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe.

Here are SOFIAs active projects 2018



AFRICA

Guinée École Lo



Picture: Opening festivities for École Lo

We kept on collecting all the money we could with the help from friends and colleagues, facebook announcements and our dance courses, to mention some. We applied, with the help from SOFIA, for funding money from Rights Now. We collected gifts like school computers from Hudiksvalls Kommun, plenty of football gear from Strand IF, Hudiksvall, and other items to be sent to Guinea and sold in the École Lo store in Conakry. Lansana Bangoura is keeping daily contact with the responsible of the project in Tambaya, to make sure things keep moving forward.

Text: Viveka Sjögren (project leader)

École Lo will become a Waldorf inspired school in the Diogoya/Tambaya villages in Guinea. In 2018 the building was almost finished, which made it possible to have opening festivities at the premises when we were there for our yearly visit. There was music, dancing, football and acrobats performing on the big field in front of the school, and a gift from the friend school in Sweden, Delsbo Waldorfskola, was handed over during the ceremonies by a teacher from the Swedish school, Myra Bergsteinsdottir. The children in Delsbo had made a beautiful collection of illustrated folktales to give to the children in Tambaya.



Kenya

The Humane School

The Humane School has finished its tenth year. The school has 12 teachers, a cook, a watchman and a gardener. 103 children were enrolled in the school in the end of the year in the classes: Baby class, Pre-primary 1 and 2, and classes 1-8. The teacher has finished the ten modules of the Steiner Teacher Education and will now be assessed by a mentor before he gets his degree. Five other teachers are being educated, two of them supported by the SOFIA Association.

The second class 8 have done the Kenyan Certificate of Primary Education Certificate exam in 2018.

The school has harvested from its organic school garden and coffee plants.

In Sweden the project group has changed since the older members have left us.

The project group 2018 is Anja Varis, Osku Varis, Suzanna Nilsson, Anna Schou, Matthias Nilsson, Irina Hoffman, Björn Norbäck, Katarina Laurén and Sofia Edgren. Jan- Erik Laurén supports the group.

The Humane School is financed by sponsorship. The monthly fee is 200kr and it is counted in amount of children divided by the monthly budget of the school. The sponsors mostly pay by autogiro. During 2017 the autogiro stopped working, and by the beginning of 2018 we noticed we only had 18 paying sponsors. We thought it was 34, but we haven't been able to follow up on the payments during the year. We need 100 paying sponsors to cover the costs of the Humane School. The difference has been covered by business donations.

In June we worked to get the sponsors that have stopped paying back. Many of them wanted to continue supporting a child. All old sponsors got the new form to fill. By the end of the year we had 45 sponsors, but there was still problem collecting the money from the sponsors.

The sponsors have received sponsor letters: a letter or a drawn picture from their child. They also got two newsletters about the proceedings of the project. We also kept contact with our sponsors through the homepage: thehumaneschool.org and Facebook.

The school buildings and the land are owned by a private person. In the beginning of the year there was an inheritance shift and the new owner of the decided to tear down the kindergarten building and the kitchen.

In 2017 we applied for money for buying land from Freunde der Erziehungskunt in Germany. We expected the reply in March 2018. In November 2018 we got the answer that the fund will finance buying land if we contribute on our side. We got a total of 32643,02kr in different campaigns by the end of 2018.



Picture: landlord destroyed one of the school buildings. Teachers, parents and kids helped out building a new one that was done after a week

PROJECTS

An architect, Sabine Lépère, who works for Architects without borders, got engaged in making plans for the school. She travelled to Humane School in June to do workshops with teachers, parents and children in the school. It resulted in plans for the whole building process and that the community was involved in the planning. During her visit land was found nearby the school a 9 acre coffee plantation that would be ideal for the school. Sabine applied for the building project to be partly funded by Architect without Borders, and it was accepted.

19th May to 2 June four Kenyan Waldorf teachers visited Sweden to participate on SOFIAs informationproject: Juliet Wayua from the Humane School, Lawrence Agira and Komora Wayu from the Rudolf Steiner School Mbagathi Nairobi and Augustus Mutua from Woodlands.

They did storytelling, and taught music and dance workshops in an African Café we organized at Vita huset in Ytterjärna, and in various schools as a part of a SOFIAs info project. They also visited the annual Eurythmy festival in Ytterjärna.

In October Anja Varis, Osku Varis, Sofia Edgren, Elin Folkesson, Katarina Laurén and Sofia Thomsen visited the Humane School. We took part in the End of Year Presentation at the school and got to hear pupils from class 8 perform their end of year speeches.

Elin taught singing by reading hand signs to the children and the teachers.



We did a workshop with parents and teachers about stakeholders in the project. The workshop was designed by Sabine Lépère.

We also worked with the budget of the new year and the bookkeeping. Money has been given for a chicken pen and Katarina and Sofia helped building.

We have taken part in the following events to inform about the Humane School and to sell African jewelry, coffee and cloth: Svenska Waldorflärarmötet, Skilleby Marknad, Sofiagalan, Örjanskolans basar, Sofiaskolans julmarknad, Adventsmarknad på kulturhuset. We have also organized an evening with African food and pictures from our trip in the Humane School. NABO sponsored us with tea calendars to sell for the Humane School.

We contributed even a workshop about the Humane School and UN 's Global Goals in the Swedish Waldorf Teacher's meeting.

Text: Anja Varis (project leader)



Tanzania

MOFI - Manyara Organic Farming Initiative

Small scale organic farming communities in Babati and Hanang Districts, Manyara Region, Tanzania with agriculture and cattle rearing as main livelihoods lack tenure security of land, belong to the most vulnerable groups when climate is changing and are generally poor, lacking the opportunities and resources to improve their livelihoods through sustainable resilient agricultural production. This is especially true for women and youth that need to be empowered to increase their quality of life. There is a need to enhance their opportunities and strengthen their voices to be able to influence local, regional and national authorities that mainly are focused on large scale, high-tech and high-input agricultural production supported by transnational global actors. Through cooperation with Sofia, MOFI will be connected a global movement of small scale organic farmers where sharing of experiences, knowledge, agricultural techniques and organizational forms will be an important part.

MOFI has during 2017-18 worked to strengthen the capacity of 10 local small-scale organic farmers groups, by connecting them to the global organic movement, by organizing a Village Community Bank (VICOBA), by acting as their spokesperson toward authorities and by organizing workshops where global experiences, knowledge and agricultural techniques will be disseminated. MOFI will, furthermore, activate local capacity and direct its focus from large scale agriculture towards organic small scale agriculture in the two Districts. MOFI will also strengthen its internal capacity in rights based approaches, accounting, leadership skills and marketing. This will result in a self-going process that will improve the livelihoods of the target groups.

Farmers here, especially women and youth, are generally poor with agriculture and cattle rearing as main livelihoods and lack tenure security of land, are food insecure and belong to the most vulnerable groups when climate is changing and therefore need to be empowered as the authorities are mainly focused on large scale, high-tech and high-input agricultural production supported by transnational global actors.

As organic farming per se doesn't have lower emissions of green-house gasses the strategy of MOFI has been to engage in regenerative organic agriculture where climate mitigation is achieved through carbon storage in the soils.



Picture: MOFI signs the contract for becoming a Forum Syd financed project



This also means that the farms become low input farms without the need for agricultural inputs minimizing transport and the production of high CO₂ emitting inputs like chemical fertilizer, hybrid seeds and pesticides. By using compost, EM-1 and local seeds the farms store more carbon in the soils than conventional farms. A further environmental advantage with the organic farms is that they use less poison and have a higher agro-diversity affecting the surrounding landscape less than conventional large-scale farming especially when it comes to bio-diversity. The 200 MOFI farms are now conversion farms and it is expected that they will be organic regenerative farms within 3 to four years.

The connection to other NGOs like Beras has had an impact on MOFI. MOFI is now one of 15 global case studies that is undertaken by the University of Kassel in Germany with the aim to measure the willingness of people to engage in organic farming, food processing and consumption. Södertörn University has also provided both research projects (Innovative cluster development) and links to many Swedish students that have made their bachelors essays in Manyara, some about organic farming. There is therefore a strong exchange of ideas and knowledge between Europe and Manyara that is beneficial to both parties. Through IFOAM and OFSP ideas such as Participatory Guarantee System has been included into MOFI strategies that will benefit a transformation towards a sustainable organic food system in Manyara counteracting food vulnerability especially for small-scale farming families.

One of the most influential and strongest supporters of organic regenerative agriculture is Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture in Manyara Region. TCCIA is advocating regenerative organic farming at national, regional, district and local level through cooperation with MOFI and other stakeholders. TCCIA has become the main advocacy institution towards politicians, local leaders and entrepreneurs in Manyara. The Local Government Agencies (LGAs) in Manyara have also supported and become involved in MOFI activities. The most obvious example is the Halla Ward Executive Officer who has formed a group of organic small-scale farmers that now have become members of MOFI. MOFI has also been invited to strategic discussion held at regional and district levels regarding food systems and general development talks. The idea with MOFI was that most work and activities should be as cost effective as possible. We asked therefore for a very small budget that at times did not suffice for the activities as we had planned them. Therefore, much more voluntary effort had to be incurred than was anticipated. One of the obvious under-funded activities were the workshops. Therefore, new cheaper strategies had to be employed. When workshop participants were gathered some workshops were merged to minimize travel costs. The workshop material was often made without any remuneration by MOFI board members rather than of outside specialists which was initially intended. This did not affect quality of the materials (as the board has most of the needed specialists) but put heavy strains on the MOFI board members who at times were totally exhausted. Another effort that was underfunded was the baseline study. Initially it was intended that the study would be performed aside other activities to speed up the process but with the funding limitation (due to underestimation of costs by the board) we were facing we had to integrate the study into other activities to minimise transport costs and therefore the baseline took longer time than anticipated.

Text: Vesa-Matti Loiske (Project leader)

South Africa iThemba Advocacy Campaign



Picture: The South African team with SOFIAs flag

iThemba Advocacy Campaign is a project managed by Novalis, an institute in Cape Town South Africa that runs an holistic adult education program combining the principles of Steiner education with Ubuntu, the universal spiritual values embraced by African philosophy. During the project year representatives from SOFIA have participated in a strategy work with Novalis for capacity development and advocacy towards politicians. The capacity development included a plan for how to improve the financial situation, including the hiring of a controller and initiating a more adequate book keeping, as well as planning for more cooperation with other NGOs primarily active in Cape Town.

The advocacy campaign aims at children and youth in Cape Town access their rights to safety in their living environment and schools, and complete their education. Children and youth will be taught how to exercise democratic influence.

The long term goal with iThemba -"Account to the Children" is to create an impact in the South African election processes by distancing the acceptance of politicians status quo position in issues regarding human right violations of children's rights in education. Given the South African context, it is problematic to identify any isolate measures that can be the solution to the problems faced in the educational system. We believe that the most effective solutions will be raised by joint efforts and collaborations between the civil society, politicians, governmental organizations, children, adolescents, youth and parent/guardian involvement. The specific goal of this projects is to create an arena for fruitful conversations, networking and learning opportunities between different stakeholders; and to apply pressure on the politicians to step up to realizing the human rights of children, adolescents and youth.

Mzwandile, one of the colleagues at Novalis, led a very successful Intergenerational Conference partnered with the Department of Arts and Culture, Western Cape Provincial department and Y-Elders on the 25th and 26th October 2018.

Dr Denis Goldberg spoke at the conference about how the Constitution of South Africa was crafted and how important this is for all South Africans. He advocated for the teaching and learning about the Constitution in every school in the Country. It was interesting to Novalis how keen the learners were to have 'direct access' to politicians. Every student who attended the conference received a Constitutional booklet.

Mzwandile has also identified Government officials, and Human Rights Commission representatives and previous contacts and has started communicating with them with the view to inviting them to join the upcoming Human Rights Conference 20-21 March 2019. Mzwandile has started working on a program to continue workshops at Schools to capacitate the children in the right elements to advocate for themselves and their future.

Text: Lennart Anderson (Project leader)

Picture: Conference about the Constitution of South Africa with participation of special guest Dr. Denis Goldberg



ASIA

Bangladesh

Jennifer School

Jennifer school is located in Bangladesh's capital, Dhaka. It is a waldorf-inspired school run by the Swedish association Youth Reaching Out (YRO). About 100 students attend school, most of them come from poor families living nearby. The collaboration between YRO and the school director Farhana began in 2004 and 2005, the school opened with a first class. YRO collects money for the school through monthly donors in Sweden, gifts from private individuals and school classes, as well as various fundraising during the year. The association had an annual meeting in early April when a new board was elected. You who are curious about getting involved in the association, maybe becoming a member or monthly donor are always welcome to hear from you. Read more at www.youthreachingout.se

Text: Ylva Hammersten (Project leader)



India

ISS – The Small Farmers Empowerment Program

Ten years have passed and The Small Farmers Empowerment Program has been finally completed in 2018. A project that has worked to strengthen small-scale farmers' rights in Kadavur Valley, Tamil Nadu in partnership with ISS – Inba Seva Sangam. The project has focused on farmers being able to gain control of their land and use it in a sustainable way, both economically and ecologically. Parts of the project have also focused on education and dissemination of information on HIV / AIDS, aspects of hygiene and health and sustainability.



Picture: the ISS team thanks SOFIA for 10 years partnership and look forward to creating new projects with SOFIA

Here are some of the results that the project has achieved under those 10 years of successful partnership between ISS and SOFIA:

- Almost 300 farms have been altered and are now organic;
- 229 of these farms have organic certification;
- 100 hectares of land have been restored;
- Kadavur farmers federation has been created with 275 representatives who will move the work forward after the end of the project;
- The work that started through the project on HIV / AIDS information has been taken over by the local health center;
- The barbers trained on HIV / AIDS information in Kadavur will continue to distribute condoms and talk to their customers;

These were just a few examples of what has happened over the years, in addition to the collaboration being strengthened between ISS and SOFIA.

In the year of 2018, 229 of the programs farmers have received their organic certification, which is a remarkable success for the individual farmers and for the continuation of the practices. After the certification organic buyers have approached the farmers resulting in that the certified farmers gets their produce sold for a competitive price. However, good access to markets is still a struggle for the area. The project has as the name suggests empowered a substantial number of small scale farmers as well as that barren land has been restored and should therefore be considered a successful and meaningful long-term project. In 2018 the area had below average rainfall (only 147mm) which has affected the farmers ability to farm and the areas is officially an area in drought. The situation calls for further work in the watershed management area to be able to further conserve the small amount of rain available.

Text: Annika Karlsson (Project leader)

LATIN AMERICA

Haiti ISOL - Vallières

In the autumn of 2017 a school garden project in Haiti was approved by Forum Syd. Then the Swedish project group within the SOFIA Assosiation started planning for a journey to Vallières in north eastern Haiti in order to start up the project.

However it turned out to be several more steps to be taken with Forum Syd. When we arrived to Haiti in march 2018 we had not yet received the decision memo from Forum Syd. It came the same day we were about to go to Vallières.

We went there together with the head of our LEO (ISOL), Eunide Lefevre, and our Dominican agricultural consultant, Aquilino Franco Rodriguez (Kelly). We met representatives from most of the CSO:s in the valley (female and male associations and organizations). These organizations had in a previous pre-investigation visit in 2016 asked for support to initiate school gardens in 6 rural schools, with the purpose of improving school meals for about 950 pupils, and for offering teachings in sustainable horticultural methods.

Now a local board was founded. They decided to organize an educational workshop with parents, teachers, pupils and the board in June, to start the practical work with the first school garden.

The summer passed but it turned out that several more steps were to be taken from with Forum Syd, and the first requisition could not be delivered until september.

Then ISOL and the local board could start with the first educational workshop on Ecole Nacional in Vallières. The next step was decided to be another workshop in December.

In November a meeting for further strengthening the local board was held in ISOL:s head office in Trou de Nord.

In the workshop in December it was discovered that sufficient materials, tool and participants had not been gathered, depending on organizational deficiencies, but still some garden beds were established, and a plant nursery was initiated.

A translator from the village was hired, Elvin Phanord, and it turned out that he also is a capable agronomist, educated in Dominican Republic, and he participated in the horticultural workshop together with our Dominican consultant. We now hope that he will be the coordinator of the practical work in the six school gardens. During the winter the work with the first garden beds continued with the agronomist, pupils, parents and teachers.

It was now decided that in march 2019 another meeting in Vallières will be held, together with the Swedish project group for further strengthening the board and the organization.

Text: Leif Andersson (Project leader)



SWEDEN

Information project

In 2018 SOFIA had an information project financed by Forum Syd. The goal of the project was for young people in Sweden to increase their knowledge of how SOFIA's projects contribute to achieving the UN Global Goals for Sustainable Development (Agenda 2030), and to increase their commitment to sustainable development and consumption. The target groups were young people between the ages of 11 and 25 in Waldorf schools in Sweden, Södertälje municipality and in Waldorf schools for pupils with disabilities, as well as Waldorf teachers and others interested in the Association SOFIA who receive further information through the project's information activities. We reached out to 2900 people in activities and events 63142 people through publications in social media, website and brochures. In January 2018, we had the opportunity to meet Waldorf teachers at the Waldorf teacher meeting. Then we had the opportunity to book activities in schools, inform educators about SOFIA's activities, and share the goals with our information efforts for the young people. In order for young people to achieve increased knowledge, we wanted to organize activities where they could practically be involved, and not just passive recipients of information. For example, we have engaged a group of young people to become informants and be involved in the preparation of the material. The youth group has helped us organize activities, assisted in the digital communication and engaged in the work with some development projects. We have also planned a challenge for Waldorf pupils where they had to create a eurythmy performance (dance/movement) about some of SOFIA's projects in the world. Two classes participated with dance performances and two classes created an exhibition called "UN Global Goals: What Can I Do?" This meant that the young people themselves had to deepen their knowledge of our projects and the Agenda 2030 and entered a creative process. The performances and the exhibition have been shown for 400 young people in May 2018. The performance and the exhibition have touched other young people and raised interest in justice and sustainability issues. Another way to catch the interest of the young people and give them increased knowledge was through collaboration with international guests from our projects in Kenya. There we have used both culture (music / dance) and stories that touched students on a deeper level and it has proved to be something they really took on.

Picture: class 7 from Sophia school dances for the Small Farmers Empowerment Program in India





Picture: Juliet Mia, teacher from the Humane School visits schools in Sweden in SOFIAs Scholtour

Many young people with disabilities can understand our message, but are often left out because they are located in special schools. We have included these students in various activities. For some of those who have difficulty participating in certain activities, we have designed their own activity, the "Upcycling show". There they got to work concrete with sustainable development by creating upcycling products and participating in a show at our Fundraising gala. We have also visited these students and talked about our projects with them. At the Show, other young people have also been involved. We have also organized a school cinema in Järna and the surrounding area throughout the year. Then we have shown selected films on sustainable development and linked these to short activities with reflection, as well as lesson tips for the teachers. The films were, for example, "Cowspiracy" "Living on One Dollar" and Economy of Happiness".

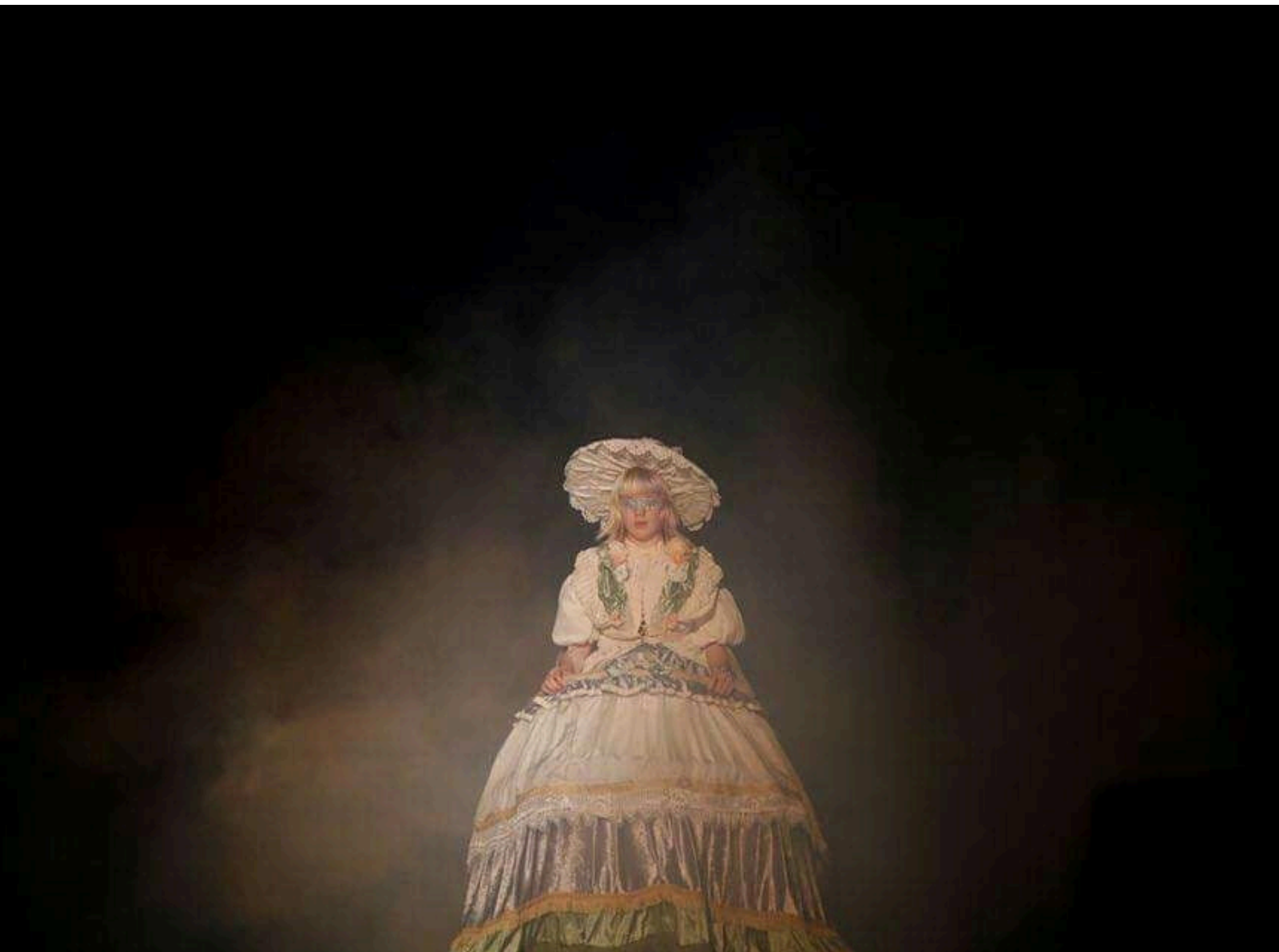
An unplanned activity was carried out in connection with a bio-performance, when the young people in the youth group took the initiative to organize a bicycle event in connection with the display of the film "Bikes versus Cars". Our social media strategy was to invite young people at every information opportunity for further involvement in sustainable development on our Social Media channels. They could not do this at all times, as it turned out that many Waldorf schools have a mobile-free policy. Another activity was to produce a new brochure and link on the website about how SOFIA's projects contribute to achieving the Global Goals. It was done in collaboration with project groups in Sweden and in partner countries.

Text: Fábíia Idoeta Fogelqvist (project leader)

Picture: Bike fest for Young people in Järna



FUNDRAISING GALA



Fábia Idoeta Fogelqvist organized the fundraising Gala together with SOFIAs Youth group and many other volunteers. The event took place in the 17th of November at Ytterjärna Kulturhuset and had as main goal to raise money for the association and its projects.

About 800 visitors came during the day, approx. 200 volunteers and artists participated and 100 sponsors (mostly from local companies) contributed.

During the day, visitors got a good insight into SOFIA's many projects through various exhibitions and a presentation. People could also shop at the flea market, participate in the kids lottery and buy nice Christmas presents.

This years big show became a part of the information project and was called "A dream scenario – a story from within". The show gave room for a number of artists with different backgrounds, where a disability was not an obstacle but shows that everyone is different and that everyone can be artists. It became a show of sustainability at all levels. Upcycling products produced by local businesses and private individuals were also shown.

In the evening, organic soup and pizza were served and there was live music with local artists at the foyer and later on disco with masquerade theme.

PARTNERSHIPS AND NETWORKING

ENDA Network

SOFIA is a member organization in ENDA, the European network for anthroposophically oriented aid organizations, which consists of some ten similar organizations such as SOFIA. Maria Bergbäck participated at the meeting held in February 2018. We have sent a short activity report with information on which projects we support and with how much financial contribution. We have also received reports from other organizations and strengthen our partnerships with some of the organizations that were ready to start supporting The Humane School.

Ytterjärna Network

Through the association Ytterjärna Nätverk (FYN), SOFIA meets local companies and organizations that work together to develop and market the place Ytterjärna and everything that happens there. Workshops, lectures and shorter breakfast meetings sometime per semester, create opportunities for learning from one another, developing contacts and exchanging valuable information. SOFIA has been represented by Tomas Fogelqvist as treasurer on the board. Participation in the board has largely been voluntary, but also through some working hours at SOFIA. Commitment and membership in FYN enables contacts, collaborations and that SOFIA can contribute to the development of local cooperation.

Think tank Trialog

SOFIA is a member of the think tank Trialog, whose purpose is to reach out to the public debate with a discussion about the qualities that the anthroposophical concepts stand for. Cooperation took place during the year, among other things through continued North-South dialogue between Sweden and South Africa.

Other partnerships

SOFIA is also a member of Forum Syd, where the office and project manager have participated in various courses.

OFFICE STAFF AND OTHER EMPLOYEES

Staff at the office %		
Namn	Funktion	
Maria Bergbäck	Executive director, Jan-March	55
Holger Straihamer	Financial manager, on sick leave from September	45
Nina Ljungquist	Executive director, from April and additionally Financial manager, from September	100%
Fabia Idoeta Fogelqvist	Information project, fundraising and organizational communication	75%
Employed project managers		%*
Annika Karlsson	Project India, Coordination of applications to Forum Syd, one month	10
Vesa-Matti Loiske	Project Mofi Tanzania	2%
Leif Anderson	Project ISOL Haiti	2%

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS
2018-01-01 – 2018-12-31

ASSOCIATION SOFIA
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The results of Association SOFIA and financial position in other respects are shown in the following income statement and balance sheet with additional information.

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Result	Not	2018-01-01 -2018-12-31	-2017-01-01 -2017-12-31
Operating income			
Business contributions Forum Syd		646 468	645 343
Other contributions and gifts		106 980	384 559
Membership & Service Fees		483 302	271 440
		1 236 750	1 301 342
Operating expenses			
Other external expenses		-363 031	-489 007
Personal costs	1	-837 663	-887 058
		-1 200 694	-1 376 065
Profit before financial items		36 056	-74 723
Financial items			
Other interest income and similar items		2 860	0
Interest expenses and similar income items		-894	0
		1 966	0
		38 022	-74 723
Profit after financial items			
Change targeted funds		0	22 718
Profit after tax		38 022	-52 005
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2018-12-31 2017-12-31

Balance sheet

Assets

Fixed assets

Financial assets

Other long-term receivables	1 000	1 000
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Current assets

Receivables

Customer claims	200	0
Other receivables	111 081	3 363
Prepayments and accrued income	20 029	4 935
	131 310	8 298

<i>Cash and bank Balances</i>	541 408	853 200
Total changeover assets	672 718	861 498

SUMMARY ASSETS	673 718	862 498
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2018-12-31 2017-12-31

Balance sheet

EQUITY AND LIABILITIES

Equity

Free equity Association Sofia

Balanced gain or loss

18 251

70 256

This year's result

38 022

-52 005

56 273

18 251

Total equity

56 273

18 251

Provisions

Ongoing project Sofia

2

315 911

251 610

Ongoing project Forum Syd

3

156 776

407 290

Total provisions

472 687

658 900

Current liabilities

Accounts payable

16 814

8 054

Current tax liabilities

13 708

16 040

Other debts

69 836

73 480

Accrued expenses and prepaid income

44 400

87 773

Total short-term liabilities

144 758

185 347

TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES

673 718

862 498

Pledged assets

Inga

Inga

Contingent liabilities

Inga

Inga

Additional information

Accounting and valuation principles

General information

The annual report has been prepared in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act and the Accounting Board's advice for smaller companies BFN 2016: 10.

The accounting principles are unchanged compared with the previous year

Contributions paid in to the receiving organizations abroad are reported over the balance sheet.

The operations in Sweden are reported over the income statement.

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Notable

Note 1 Employees

	2018	2017
The average number of employees		
Women	1,5	1
Men	0,5	1
		2

Note 2 Ongoing project Sofia

Dominican Republic	30 190	25 790
Nepal	5 700	5 700
Haiti	65 080	64 380
EAST WEST means	37 129	35 929
Sirende	79 760	45 092
Jennifer School	3 671	3 671
Sirende land	16 381	0
SeeMyTree	78 000	78 000
	315 911	258 562

Note 3 Ongoing project Forum Syd

	2018-12-31	2017-12-31
	35 000	
iThemba South Africa		302 330
Novalis South Africa	0	98 558
Mofi Tanzania	0	6 402
ISOL Haiti	121 776	0
	156 776	407 290

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