

## **A contribution to biodiversity**

### **August 28<sup>th</sup> 2021: inauguration of a new arboretum in Skellefteå, Sweden**

“This weekend I spent an absolutely wonderful day at the association “Dalkarlsleden” in Skellefteå. We were there celebrating that the union, “Koloniträdgårdsförbundet” turned 100 years old. The highlight of the day was the inauguration of their new arboretum, where I was involved in planting a tree. A previously empty lawn has been given 70 new trees and bushes by more than 30 different varieties. Talk about long-term investment in biodiversity! The sun was shining, all the gardens looked fantastic and the area was filled with happy and nice visitors” says Ulrica Otterling, director of the Swedish allotment federation.



### **This inauguration is part of our campaign: "Allotment loves trees"**

During our jubilee year all our 229 associations have been involved in planting thousands of new fruit trees and berry bushes all over Sweden. We wanted to show how many positive contributions allotment areas make, not only for the colonists but for the whole society. The areas have a great biodiversity and it is highlighted through the campaign, where over 2000 new fruit trees and berry bushes have now been planted.

Planting trees is the best thing you can do for biodiversity and is one of the global environmental goals that all municipalities are also working to achieve.

