

Residence report for Ökkv (1.-30.9.2018)
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This was the first AIR exchange between Vantaa and Örnköldsvik. I had the opportunity to open this co-operation.

I came with my own car from Vantaa to Vaasa to Umeå and finally to Övik. This was a good decision because that way I could have enough working material with me.

I arrived in the middle of night. It has been organized so that I could have the key and access to the room.

Next day I met Ökkv personnel and was shown all the premises. The studio, residence, working spaces downstairs and artist ateliers upstairs were amazing.

I met many nice and friendly people, workers and artists like Tania Fred who took me to shops, Höga kustet -area, introduced me to her colleagues and was very helpful in every way. Thanks also to Erika, Kenta, Pelle, Mats, Lars, Christer, Anneli and all the others who were so nice and made me feel welcome.

Ökkv is a wonderful place to work in many ways. I didn't use all its potential, just painted with acrylics but maybe next time (if there will be next time) I use also graphics workshop and data printings. Making a book in the old-way would be nice as well.

I worked a lot and had a little exhibition in Lokomotiv Entrehall. That was a nice surprise and I was pleased to have it. Working in a big studio gave me an opportunity to work with bigger canvases.

Summa summarum; nice place, nice people, wonderful working studio, pleasant stay.

Thank you Ökkv.