

Swedish Fact Finding Mission

Following an email at the end of last year from May-Britt Ronaldo, Chair 3 Region Sweden, a 'fact-finding' mission was launched in March this year. Edwin Sutton, Phillip Powell, 11 Region, and their partners were invited to spend the weekend in Gothenburg as guests of the local region.

The visitors were treated to a guided walking tour of the beautiful city and experienced the 'after work' party atmosphere on Friday afternoons – cheap alcohol and food! Saturday evening they were guests at their Regional meeting, after which they shared a sit down meal with IPA colleagues and their partners. It was a cold and wet weekend, with a little bit of snow.

This was the first step in the 'Twinning' of 11 Region with Region 3, Section Sweden, who have been invited to join 11 Region Section UK at their Autumn meeting in October. Five members and their partners will be wined and dined, be treated to a couple of excursions to local sights and take part in the regional meeting. A return trip to Gothenburg is already being planned for December this year to experience a Christmas Market and festivities in Sweden.

The cost of the trip has not yet been decided but any IPA member interested in getting involved should contact either Edwin or Philip at 11region@ipa-uk.org

