

# Invitation to the CPT Convergence 2022

Linköping, Sweden  
September 7 - 11, 2022

In the time of earth-cide, war and destruction, we need to convene in order to imagine together a world without drones, nuclear threats, displacement and war. We will try to discuss what the pandemic did to us, what the occupation of Ukraine is doing to us and how we can keep growing the world we would like to live in and which we want to leave behind for the growing and coming generations. The old oak trees in Östergötaland will accompany us on this journey. The convergence is going to take place from the evening of the 7<sup>th</sup> of September to midday 11<sup>th</sup> of September, most of the time we will be in [Sankt Lars Gården](#), which is a parish home where Andreas works, the one and only CPTer who has hosted Convergence both in Malmö and Yorkshire!

**When to arrive:** The convergence is going to start with a welcoming party in my apartment on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of September [here](#). I have a nice little garden. There will be tea, coffee and alcohol with food and good company.

## Getting here:

**Cycle:** If you want to cycle, you can expect beautiful varying landscapes from southern Sweden all the way up to Linköping. There are various routes: EuroVelo 10 along the Baltic Sea or EuroVelo 7 through central Sweden near to Linköping (<https://eurovelo.se/>). Or you can follow the old E 4 road which is not a very trafficked road and you will arrive in Linköping. You will encounter astonishing, mind-blowing landscapes, forests, lakes and sea.

**Train:** There are good train connections between Linköping and the rest of Europe. There is a direct daily night train to Berlin costing 120 €. If you take the train from Hamburg to Linköping you will need to change one time and it costs around 70 €. Links: <https://www.trainline.com>, <https://www.bahn.com/en>, <https://www.sj.se>

**Bus:** It would also make sense to take the bus to Copenhagen and from there take the train to Linköping. If you bring along a book, some Akira Kurosawa movies on your ipad/computer, a good pillow and a lot of patience, it is always cheaper to take the bus. ([Flixbus.se](https://www.flixbus.se))

**Fly:** There are a couple of daily flights from Amsterdam to Linköping with KLM. A return ticket would cost around 400 euros. The airports Stockholm Skavsta (good connections with Poland and Czechia with Wizzair), Stockholm Västerås (connection with London Standsted) and Stockholm Arlanda (the biggest international airport in Sweden) all have good train and bus connections to Linköping ([sj.se](https://www.sj.se), [flixbus.se](https://www.flixbus.se), [flygbussarna.se](https://www.flygbussarna.se)).

## Accommodation:

1. **Camping:** If you feel adventurous and want to enjoy waking up to birdsong at a lake near Linköping each morning, you can do free camping. Sweden has the “Right of Public Access” or allemansrätt in Swedish (read more about it [here](#)). I am also a part of [Folkträdgården](#) which is a collective gardening initiative, which we will visit during the convergence. I could ask them if they are okay for convergence visitors to camp there.

2. **Staying in a cottage or bungalow:** [Glyttinge Camping](#) offers great options for sharing a cottage for low prices (six persons/600 euros for four nights), they have place for camper vans, tents and other options.

3. **For other more comfortable accommodation:** You can book hotels at [booking.com](#) or rooms at [airbnb.com](#).

4. **Hosted by me:** I live in a two bedroom apartment with a big living room. If you want to be my guest and sleep in the couch in the living room, on a mattress anywhere in the apartment or on the double bed, I could host up to six, seven or more people depending how much comfort you want. There is also a double bed. My two-year-old will probably wake you up to play with him — just in time to take the bus to the location for the convergence! Anyways, my home is your home.

#### **Getting around:**

[Östgötatrafiken](#) is the public transport agency in Östergötaland. There are buses and trains everywhere. You can blip your card on the city buses, but it is cheaper to download [their app](#). They have youth, student, senior and something which is called together-discount. If you want to claim a discount it is better to use the app. The app has also a very detailed travel planner that tells you exactly how to get from point A to point B.

#### **What to expect:**

1. Discussing the recent evolution of Community Peacemaker Teams. Bringing the perspectives of different teams and trying to envision how and towards which direction our community will grow.

2. Various workshops such as undoing oppressions, envisioning a world without borders and others.

3. Meeting local initiatives such as [Vildåsnan](#), [Folkträdgården](#) and others.

4. Actions such as a small symbolic pilgrimage in town as a part of [walkforfuture](#), which will be coordinated by Swedish CPTer Annika Spalde. A silent prayer outside the facilities of SAAB, which is located in town and is the biggest manufacturer of weapons in Sweden, manufacturing Jas combat planes.

5. If you would like to contribute a poem, a workshop, a story, a song, some wisdom or provide some other kind of sharing, you can either write to me ([Runbir@cpt.org](mailto:Runbir@cpt.org)) or bring it to the circle once we are together here in Linköping.

6. Sankt Lars Gården is very close to a swimming pool, a bowling hall, a channel with a good walking path, and also it is in the city centre.

**What are we going to eat:**

In Sankt-Lars Gården there is a great kitchen that we can use to make food for ourselves. Otherwise there is a rich variety of restaurants in the immediate vicinity.

**Financial Contribution:**

The facility we are renting for the convergence, the food and other things all cost money. Therefore, it is expected that all participants will contribute 50 euros or more, which will cover at least one meal and two snacks a day. However, write me a note if that is something you do not have the capacity to do, and we will figure it out.

Attached you will find the registration form that you need to fill and send back to me by 20th of August, if you wish to attend.

**What you can do**

I would like to invite each of you who is planning to attend to think about what you can do regarding content. Similar to other convergences, this one is also going to be made by the energy that the participants will bring with them. If there is something specific you would like to contribute with: your life story, story of your work, bringing a question or a problem to the circle that would like everyone to process together, some realisations you have had in your life journey, a workshop, an activity, a poetry reading or a song, recommendations about how to sustain in a world that is hurting us, our relationships and our communities or whatever other things that I have not written here, please let me know if you want it to be scheduled or wait until you are here and bring it to the circle so that we can make some space for it together.



Please spread this invitation to people whom you think would like to attend or should attend.

I wish you a nice rest of the summer! I really hope to see you among the old oaks of Östergötaland in Linköping!

Peace,  
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