

Arvidsjaur - Sweden



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Arvidsjaur is a small village with 5000 – 6000 on a good day. It's in the north part of the Swedish Lapland, in the winter it does not really get above freezing, myself have experienced lows of -36. But as my project went on the weather started to change and so did Arvidsjaur. A white blanket of snow in some areas more than 2 meters deep. Then within two weeks "BOOM" from below freezing to 20 degrees. The snow started to melt the trees began to become green, the lakes began to melt and the landscape changed. The days start to become longer and soon it is 12am and it feels like 7pm you look out the window and the sky is blue, how strange this really feels. But at the same time I am so happy I have experience what I have in Arvidsjaur the Swedish Lapland a relaxed way of life and a landscape what changes so dramatic and so fast, Beautiful.



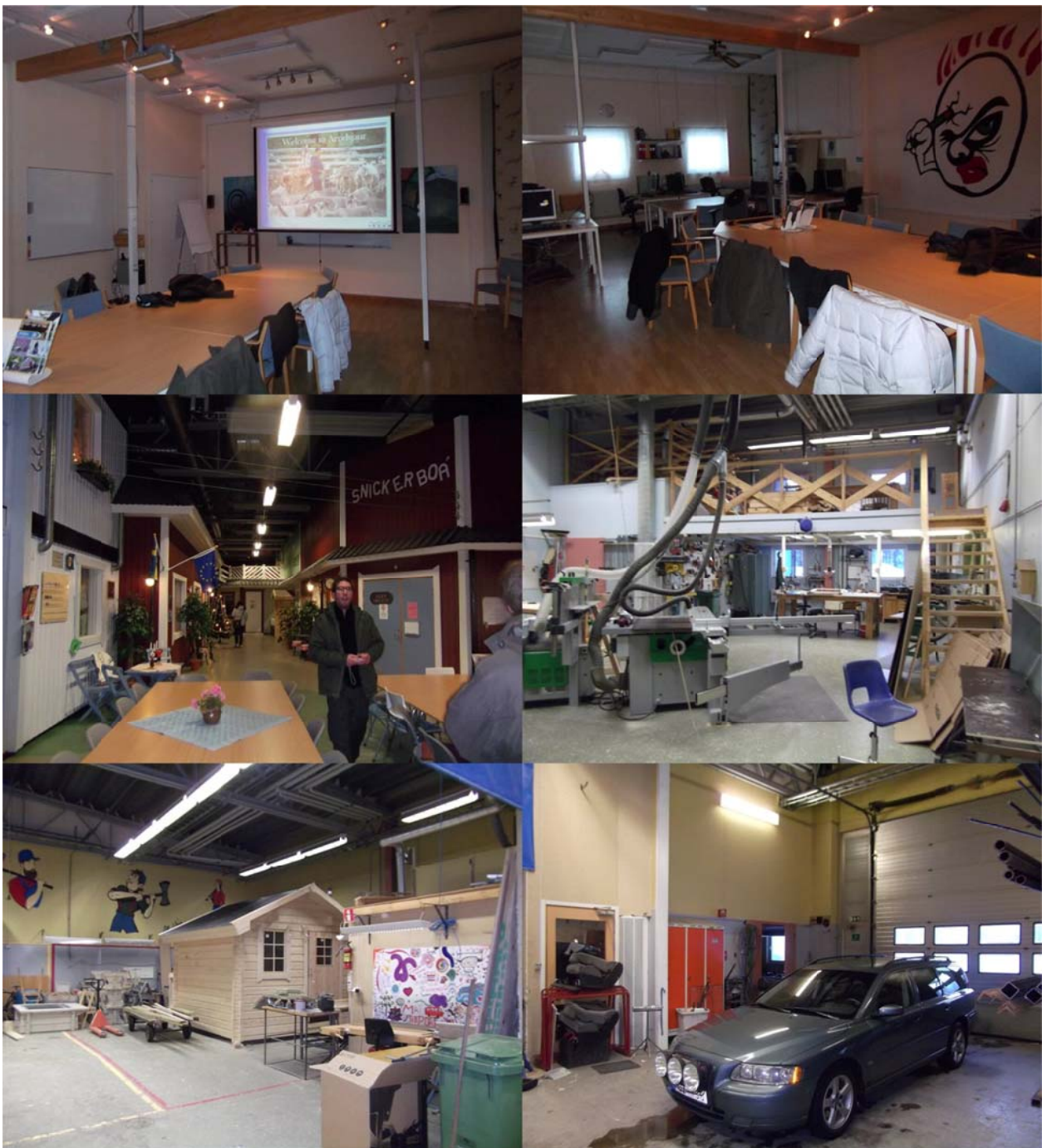
Apartment

When I set off from England to Sweden I had only a little idea on what was waiting for me on the other side of my travels as our group was the first group to be sent from my organisation. When we got to Arvidsjaur things happened so quickly, a short hello and conversation about our flight and then in the mini bus off to our apartment...



Ideum

In the morning we had a small sleep in and a tour round our village showing the library, Tourism Office, hospital and sandbacken(School). We then went to our new work placement and the home of my hosting organisation Ideum. When I arrived here I was shocked how big, how well planned and decorated the place was. As we got a tour round the office we then went into the workshop what would be my work placement and practically my home for the next 3 months. The workshop itself was split into 2 areas you had somewhere you could work with metal and bring cars into to be serviced then at the other side was the wood workshop where my placement begins.



Project Carpentry

During my time in Sweden we have made a lot of different things one a bench, outdoor fireplace, an add on to a caravan acting as an extension, bridges and out door toilets with all of them we had the chance to put something of our own into then if it would be a design to a handle, a design to a toilet roll holder, a paper stand and other things like decorations for doors ext....



Things I Did In My Spare Time

In my spare time I we could do a lot of things here is a few examples Meeting People & Party's, Ice Hotel, Winter Market, Iron Mines, Canoeing, Skiing(Cross Country & Down Hill) , Walking, Swimming, Gym, Ice Skating, Shooting Range(Pistol's) & Disk Shooting(Shot Gun's), Camping, Fishing (Ice & Fly Fishing), Watch Ice Hockey & Floor Ball, Indoor Paint Balling(With Rubber Bullets), Go-Carting, Snow Mobiles, Going To See The Reindeer Herding Inland And The One I Enjoyed The Most Aurora Borealis The Northern Lights.

