

## International Educators Workshop (IEW) FAQs

### **Do you have 6 months validity remaining on your passport?**

**Many countries, including Sweden and Denmark, require that your U.S. passport has 6 months validity remaining for entry** (in other words, your passport should not expire for at least 6 months after your planned travel dates for IEW). If your passport does not have the required validity, renew it as soon as possible to ensure you have a valid passport in plenty of time prior to your departure date.

### **When and where should I arrive and depart?**

Participants should plan to arrive in Stockholm by Sunday, April 6 and depart Copenhagen on Saturday, April 12. DIS will facilitate the transfer between Stockholm and Copenhagen in the late afternoon of Wednesday, April 9.

Homestay in Stockholm: DIS may be able to accommodate early arrivals to homestays on Saturday, April 5 for participants wishing to spend more time with their hosts. If you're interested in arriving on Saturday and taking part in your hosts' weekend plans, please email [IEW@dis.dk](mailto:IEW@dis.dk). While DIS cannot guarantee homestay accommodations on Saturday, April 5, we are happy to facilitate if possible.

### **Where should I stay?**

#### Hotel

DIS Stockholm is located in the Östermalm neighborhood of Stockholm, a two-minute walk from the 1912 Olympic Stadium. The main building at DIS Stockholm was completed in 2016 and is shared with the Royal College of Music Stockholm (KMH). The building is located at the T-bana stop 'Stadion,' a five-minute ride from the central railway station 'T-Centralen'. You can use these landmarks when booking accommodations or refer to the recommendations [here](#).

DIS Copenhagen is located in the heart of the city, along the central walking street, 'Strøget.' It is a 5-minute walk from City Hall Square (Rådhuspladsen), a 10-minute walk from Tivoli Gardens, and a 20-minute walk from The King's Square (Kongens Nytorv). You can find recommendations for hotels in Copenhagen [here](#).

#### Homestay

DIS makes homestay arrangements in Stockholm for all participants who signed up for this option before the deadline or before capacity is reached.

### **I signed up for a homestay in Stockholm - when will I have more information?**

Participants will be connected to their homestays approximately 1-2 weeks before the start of the workshop. Most of our hosts, as in U.S. cities, live in the suburbs and not in the city center. Homestay participants will travel daily on Stockholm's public transit system, up to 60 minutes each way, using a transportation pass provided by DIS. Participants will typically be picked up by their hosts at the Stockholm airport.

*Gifts for your homestay* - A small gift is a nice gesture, such as a token from your state (e.g. food, chocolates, book, college hat or t-shirt from your home region), but by no means obligatory.

### **How do I get between Stockholm city center and the airport?**

#### Train

The Arlanda Express runs between all terminals at the airport and Stockholm Central Station. You can purchase tickets at the airport's information desks or at self-service machines. The train ride to Stockholm Central Station takes about 18 minutes. The ticket costs 340 SEK (approx. \$30). You can also buy a ticket via the [Arlanda Express website](#) using a credit card.

#### Taxi

Taxis are found outside Terminals 2 and 5. It takes approximately 40 minutes to get to the city center from the airport. The cost of the taxi will be approximately 850 SEK (approx. \$75-85) and they accept major credit cards for payment.

## How do I get to Copenhagen from Stockholm?

DIS will arrange group transportation for all IEW participants from Stockholm to Copenhagen on Wednesday, April 9. We will be taking the [SJ High-Speed Train](#).

## How do I get to my hotel once in Copenhagen?

Upon arrival to Copenhagen Central Station (Hovedbanegården), participants will be responsible for getting to their accommodations. DIS staff will be available to help direct participants; most [recommended](#) hotels are a short metro ride and/or walk from Copenhagen Central Station, but there are also taxi stands located at the station. For information about ground transportation in Copenhagen, please see Copenhagen's Local Transportation website [here](#).

## What should I wear during the workshop?

Stockholm has a much milder climate than most other regions of the world that lie as far north and Copenhagen has a moderate maritime climate similar to that of Seattle, Vancouver, and London. The average temperature in April is 40-45°F. It is a good idea to pack layers and bring a raincoat for the wind and rain.

Be sure to bring along a pair of comfortable shoes as Stockholm and Copenhagen are great cities to explore on foot, and many of the streets are paved with cobblestone. Elevators are not common in Copenhagen, and you will need to use the stairs frequently, including in the DIS buildings. Casual, comfortable clothing is recommended for the whole workshop.

## How much money should I bring?

Sweden and Denmark are virtually [cashless societies](#), so you should prepare to make payments entirely by card. Please note that all cash machines require a PIN code to withdraw money.

Stockholm: Swedish currency is the krona (SEK). As of July 2024, 1 USD = 10.51 SEK and 1 SEK = 0.095 USD

Copenhagen: Danish currency is the kroner (DKK). As of July 2024, 1 USD = 6.91 DKK and 1 DKK = 0.14 USD

## Where can I find the workshop schedule and how can I sign up for sessions?

Session registration will open in online registration approximately 1 week before the start of the workshop. You can find a sample program [here](#).

## When can I meet with my students?

DIS will arrange a student panel in both Stockholm and Copenhagen during the workshop with students from various institutions so that participants may learn about their experiences studying with DIS.

If you are interested in specifically meeting students from your home institution in Stockholm and/or Copenhagen, we ask that you arrange directly with your students. If you need assistance coordinating a student meeting, including a student email list or reserving a meeting location at DIS (for larger groups of students), please do not hesitate to contact [IEW@dis.dk](mailto:IEW@dis.dk).

## More questions?

Please be sure to [check our website](#) for the most up to date information. Do not hesitate to contact us at [IEW@dis.dk](mailto:IEW@dis.dk) with any additional questions.