

# Chalmers built 100 new and sustainable apartments - in less than 12 months

**Chalmers student union has through its housing foundation built 100 new apartments at the best location on campus - in less than 12 months. The new apartments mean that they do not have to say no to international master students and guest scientists that want to come to Gothenburg.**

*"That is less in a year we have new apartments located on campus is incredible but was also necessary. It's a bonus that they are environmentally friendly, but the most important is that we have housing which means that we don't have to say no to competent people who wish to come to Gothenburg."* - Dennis Norman, president Chalmers Student Union

Gothenburg is one of the four largest cities for students, all of which have a red mark\* in SFS's latest housing report. This means that Gothenburg can't offer a housing to all the thousands of new students who are moving here to study and live during the first autumn term. To be homeless is in itself an important question to discuss but there are also long-term consequences for the city - to lose important competence when people choose not to go to Gothenburg.

So why is it so hard to solve the problems with housing?

Everybody can build student housing. However, to build them fast, sustainable and smart is challenging in a city such as Gothenburg. The principal of Chalmers, Stefan Bengtsson, didn't accept that the university had to tell competent and paying master- and research students no - since they had no place to live.

According to the principals' promise of finding a location, Chalmers Studentbostäder started looking and in a year, 100 new apartments are ready, on the best location on campus. There are many ways to establish temporary, containers are one of them. The apartments on Gibraltarvällsvägen are made of wood, the most sustainable in building, which is built as premade wood modules where the effect on the climate is half of the already low demand from the administrative authority.

"This is proof that with creativity, cooperation, and some dedication it is possible to build fast and environmentally friendly. We are ready to do this again for the students best." - Joakim Wallin, CEO Chalmers Studentbostäder.

The 13<sup>th</sup> of September Gibraltar Guesthouse will be inaugurated on a parking spot right in front of Chalmers' library. The building will be therefore 15 years and after that will be used again or the wood modules will be recycled, they are already been repurchased by the manufacturer.

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\*Chalmers Studentbostäder (legal name Stiftelsen Chalmers Studenthem) has currently about 2300 student apartments and was founded in 1961. We aim to offer students in Gotheburg attractive housing with fair rents close to Chalmers. The operation is a foundation without profit maximization. The profits are instead used to give our tenants a sustainable living.