

# When Talko came to Sweden



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# Talko?????

Never heard of....

Talko?  
Dugnad?  
Gille?  
Arbetsdag?

Talko is not a word used in Sweden

- introduce the finnish word Talko?
- new swedish word?
- old swedish word that is simliar to the meaning of talko?

Aim to focus on the need to help eachother with eradication

Help your neighbour – help yourself

"If your neighbour doesn´t have invasiva speces, you don´t get them either"

# Talko 1

## Himalayan balsam, Holmsund/Obbola - INSPECT

Bonus:

The golf club got about 40 members to help eradicate the balsam in the golf course area.

They pulled up 220 bags of balsam.

### Why this area

- ✓ Himalayan balsam on municipality ground – landowners premission
- ✓ Risk of spreading to the nature reserve Umeälvens delta
- ✓ Lots of himalayan balsam in privat land
- ✓ Already existing and active facebook-group *"What happens in Holmsund-Obbola"*

### Communication:

- ✓ Länsstyrelsen Some
- ✓ Radio
- ✓ Local and national newspapers
- ✓ Facebook group in Holmsund and Obbola
- ✓ Personal contact before the talko started – to give advice to people who wanted to start eradication earlier, as well as handing out bags for the plant waste

### What did we offer:

- ✓ Advice for privat landowners
- ✓ Plastic bags for disposal
- ✓ "Waste taxi" – transport to the container



# Talko 2

## Large leaved lupine, Ammarnäs

Ammarnäs is a small mountain village with very familiar atmosphere. There are hardly any lupins along the road to Ammarnäs so we would like this area to be lupin-free. The villagers asked for us to come and help them and we proposed a talko.

Great respons, many villagers came to help digging up the lupins! Research station in the village – we got som extra guys to come and help us!

Lesson 1. Small villages with a familiar atmosphere is perfect for talkos!



# Talko 3

## Nootka lupine, Hemavan/Tärnaby

Lesson 2. Skiing resort cabin owners does not see the summer issues

Hemavan and Tärnaby are two of the most popular skiing resorts in the county. Massive amounts of "sandlupin"

- ✓ Lots of comments from people about the amount of lupins in this area
- ✓ Unique mountain garden

Hardly any respons from residents. People passing by praised our work but were not interested in helping out.

Need to reach the year-round residents

Maybe "Föreningstalko" could work better here?



# What have we learned?



Talkos are suitable in:

- Areas where there are interested groups – then the group members will come
- Small villages who have an interest in taking care of their home environment

Not suitable in:

- Areas where people come and go and don't really have a genuine care for the area



# Will we continue having talkos?



Yes, we will continue!

- We would like to work more in the mountain region to stop the lupines
- Work more with municipalities and local organizations
- Have youth sport organizations to eradicate and earn some money
- Offer help with the plant waste

