

# The Swedish House



Twinning Committee of Cepoy



## **Cepoy is twinned with Dals Ed, a Swedish city.**

Cepoy has been twinned with Dals Ed since 1998. Cepoy chose a Swedish city as an honour to Raoul Nordling – a Cepoy inhabitant with Swedish origins - who marked France's history by preventing Paris from destruction in August 1944. He is buried in Cepoy.

The Swedish city of Dals Ed has about 5000 inhabitants; it is located 180 km north of Gothenburg and 50 km from the Norwegian border.

For nearly fifteen years, the two cities have developed close relationships, with several exchanges based on varied themes, from road safety, democracy and attitude to xenophobia or care of the elderly. At the same time, thanks to a partnership between the two French-Swedish committees, some students from Château-Blanc technical college (Chalette-sur-Loing) had the opportunity to enjoy a training period in Sweden.

In October 2012, relations between the two cities became even closer with the inauguration of the House of Sweden in the heart of Cepoy.

## Why is there a Swedish House ?

The Swedish Home was built to give new dimensions to the exchanges between Cepoy and Dals Ed, by promoting local involvement in the decisions made by the two committees.

It is also a place of discovery and of interaction between the two European cultures.

### *Cultural and tourist aspects:*

The architecture of the Swedish house incorporates the main features of Dalsand houses of the 19th century to reflect the culture of our twin city.

We have implanted an attractive showcase of Dals Ed, its region and the wider Sweden or Scandinavia in the heart of Cepoy.

The Twining Home is also a place for Swedish contemporary art exhibitions, the art of living in Scandinavia and a European meeting place. Lectures, readings and presentations of Sweden are organized.

### *A pedagogical aspect:*

“Technicians, Carpenters Fitters” students from the technical college had a project in partnership with our own volunteers and their teachers. The students helped the builders with home construction (windows, floor, and so on).

Student professionals in the areas of “Sanitary Facilities” and “Electronics” were responsible for the installation of the House’s main facilities (plumbing, heating, electricity).



## Exhibitions

You can find several permanent exhibitions in the Swedish Home. As an example you will learn more about the different stages of the construction, about the life of Raoul Nordling – the Swedish Consul who saved Paris in August 1944.

You will also discover temporary exhibitions related to present events. Themes can be found on our website and our Facebook page.



## Getting to know a different culture

Several events related to Swedish culture are honoured in the Swedish Home.

In this context of discovery of the Scandinavian way of life, the twinning committee sets up a program of activities led by a young European Culture Volunteer Service. Our Swedish House wants to be a gateway to Europe. You can come and meet these young volunteers who learn the French language and learn more about the French culture. This will give you the opportunity to talk about Sweden and its customs and traditions over a Swedish coffee.



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