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About Gunnar Sahlin

We live in a society with rapid and major changes and my contribution is, among others, to develop organizations and support leadership in the transition to the digital world that continuously restructures. Technology development, social media, rapid product development and customers with many choices are a few factors that place high demands on leadership. To develop leadership and strengthen the entire organization is a major challenge.

Leadership lives, however, not its own life but is combined with personal development. Both leadership development and personal development are ongoing. For me it has always seemed most meaningful to the various tasks to develop one's own leadership but also contribute to the development of others. The various efforts to help employees, project managers and executives lifting and taken clear steps in its development has always bestowed joy. The management team has been an important tool in my own leadership positions as well as head of agency in previous roles. Creating a shared vision of the purpose and goals of the group's work, the creation of work forms, and assessing the totality of the management teams is stimulating.

As a governmental agency manager, Chief Librarian, politician and researcher, I have built up a large national network in different sectors. International engagement has also been essential for me. Board memberships and other efforts have built up knowledge and experience in working internationally, while creating a large international network.

From one's own leadership, the focus now is on facilitating others' leadership. In my consulting role, I work also to build and strengthen a proactive and communicative leadership with coaching, consulting, developing management teams and support the entire development of organizations. My work is mainly oriented towards knowledge organizations, in essence, universities, colleges and other educational institutions, but I also work for other public organizations, private companies and interest organizations NGOs.

Professional Career & Education

- 2012 - 2014 Consultant at Gaia Leadership AB.
- 2003 - 2012 National Librarian and Head of Mission at the Royal Library.
- 1996 - 2003 Library Director of Stockholm University Library.
Alongside this mission, I had several other assignments in the university:
a) the chairman of the IT Council, b) responsible for educational development, c) a board member of several of companies and a board chairman of a company in the SU Holding, d) a director and a shorter-time Director of the Latin American Institute at the University of Stockholm. I also conducted an investigation about the change of the institution's organization and direction. In a transition that encompassed the entire Stockholm University, I led a project for the IT operations the University.
- 1994 - 1996 Municipal Commissioner of Sollentuna.
- 1989 - 1994 Associate Librarian and Head of Department at Stockholm University Library and Uppsala University Library.
- 1980 - 1989 Studies, PhD student at Stockholm University, (Thesis 1989). Teacher and researcher at the Department of Comparative Literature.
- 1974 - 1979 Tour leader at Reso (even at a few other travel companies). Site Manager abroad and responsible for foreign staff at headquarters.
- 1970 - 1974 Bachelor of Arts degree University of Gothenburg Faculty of Social Sciences.
- 1966 - 1968 Investigator Equity AB.
- 1968 - 1970 Economist Carl Larsson & Sons Ltd.
- 1964 - 1966 Filip Holmqvist's Business Institute, Gothenburg. Studies to economist.

Other

- 2008 - 2012 President, Bibliotheca Baltica.
- 2008 - 2011 Treasurer and Chairman, TEL Management Committee.
- 2005 - 2009 Board Member and Treasurer, IFLA Governing Board / Executive committee.
- 2004 - 2011 International investigations. Participated in two international evaluations in Finland, Helsinki University Library and the National Library of Finland.
- 1998 - 2014 Board Member (selected assignments) Örebro University (2013 -), Food Workers Unemployment (2013 -), Finance and Insurance Unemployment (2012 -), Axial Group AB (2012-14), Devices Health (2004-2012) VIL school at KTH (2007-10), Gotland University (2004-10), Vice-Chairman. The School of Information and Library Science at the University of Borås (2004-10), the National Sound and Moving Images (2003-09), Academus AB at the Royal Court. Academy of Music (2005-10), Library Service AB (1998-2003).

1994 - 2011 Investigation and project management in universities and colleges. Implemented expert and investigative assignments at several educational institutions on behalf of their principals and university management. The following are based on change management: a) Comprehensive investigation of the library at Karlstad University and assisting in the implementation of the new organization and management, b) Review of library function in the Stockholm Institute of Education, c) Incorporation of educational support and library services in the merger of the Institute of Education in Stockholm University.

On creation of librarian education at Uppsala University, and I was responsible for this project, an expert in the appointment of a lecturer and was a teacher for many courses during the first academic year. Also, I have been responsible for several university courses and been a supervisor at University of Borås.

1996 - 2003 Board Member and Vice Chairman of the Swedish Library Association.

1987 - 1998 Sollentuna Municipality, Different political directorships within the community.

1989 - 2014 Publications, talks and workshops:

- Writers of the role change and the literary system 1770-1795 (Diss 1989)
- Miranda in Sweden / a Suecia 1787 (1990)
- Press, databases and Internet. Bibliographical paths for literary scholars (2001)

In addition to the publication of the above mentioned books, I have published several articles, reviews and web lectures on literature, library issues and leadership. Addition I have delivered numerous lectures in Sweden and abroad.