

A landscape photograph of a Swedish wetland under a cloudy sky. In the foreground on the left, a dark, gnarled tree trunk stands prominently. The middle ground features a vast, flat wetland with patches of water reflecting the sky. In the background, a dense line of dark evergreen trees stretches across the horizon. The sky is filled with heavy, grey clouds, with a brighter area where the sun is partially visible.

Global Day of Action to #CloseBases

Activities in Sweden

The preconditions for peace work in Sweden

Background and recent development:

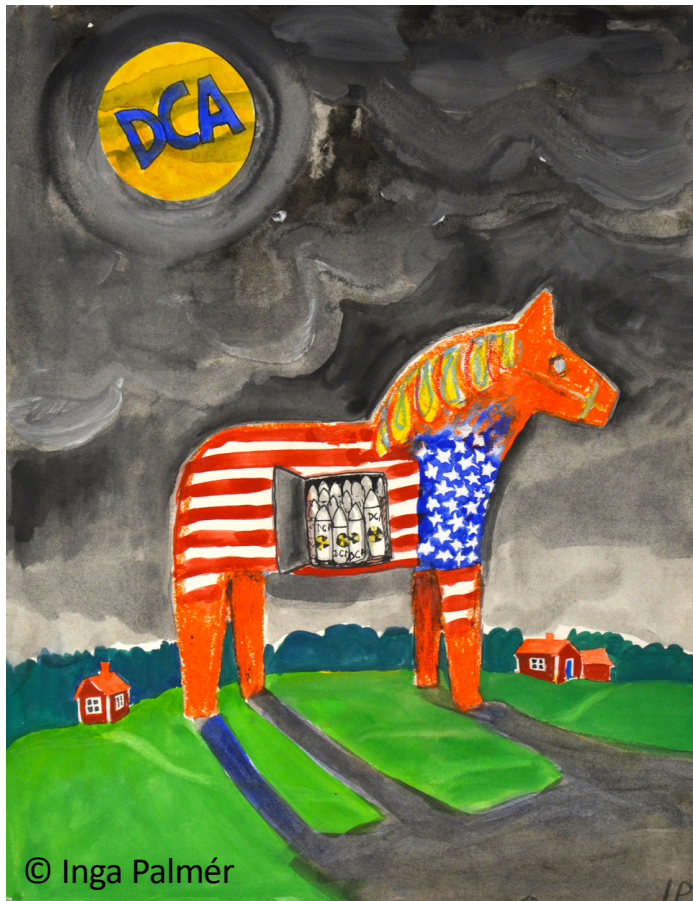
- Tradition of officially neutral status and mediating role in international conflicts
- Political decision to deconstruct military from early 1990's
- Suddenly entering NATO in spring 2024 without democratic process
- Entering a DCA (Defence Cooperation Agreement) with US in June 2024
- Sweden doubles its military spending during the past two years
- Politicians and media silencing the opposition against increased militarisation
- Peace movement split in multitude of small networks started to come together in a nation-wide campaign against the DCA during the spring of 2024
- Peace networks starting to collaborate towards common aims

The preconditions for peace work in Sweden

The DCA (Defence Cooperation Agreement):

- A bilateral agreement between the US and Sweden (as with many other countries, among them Norway, Denmark and Finland)
- 17 Swedish military bases opened up for US military
- In total 49 military bases in the Nordic countries made available for US military strategies to threaten Russia and control the Arctic
- Huge infrastructure projects to facilitate military transports from western ports in Sweden and Norway to western ports, preparations for Sweden as a launching pad
- Access to vast nature areas limited affecting civil society and the life and rights of our indigenous people, severely increased pollution following increased military practicing
- Government facilitates military to avoid responsibility for environmental consequences.

The nation-wide campaign against the Swedish DCA, during the spring 2024



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The Trojan Dalecarlia horse, invented by the artist Inga Palmér was used in the nation-wide campaign and built in card-board for the final demonstration outside the parliament the day before the politicians were to vote about the DCA.

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The Network 17 Base areas, founded in the autumn of 2024



A network of 17 local networks in the areas around the military bases included in the DCA + 3 areas where military industries are located with production, development and testing.

The local networks take their own Initiatives with campaigns, manifestations etc. They report regularly to a steering group about what happens in their areas.

Summary of activities in Sweden to #CloseBases



A variety of actions so far, in different networks:

- Leaflets
- Manifestations
- Newspaper ads
- Information campaigns
- Open lectures
- Study groups
- Street theatre
- Newspaper articles
- ...

In each area, local groups will take their own initiative.