



Networks of student initiatives - DGS

Credo Student aims to build networks of student initiatives in Swedish universities and towns. For these networks to flourish we suggest three categories of student initiative which address the internal challenge to **Grow** in faith and the external challenges to **Discover & Share** the faith as a student.



DISCOVER

Discover (D) are student initiatives that try to create an open environment where non-Christian students can discover Jesus. Here the Christian student are the host.

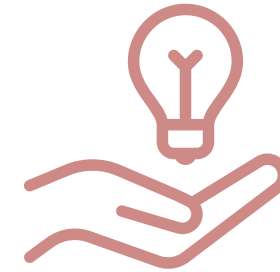
- Current examples of Discover-initiatives are:
[Studentalpha](#) & [Grubbelcafé](#).
- We also recommend resources such as [Uncover](#), [Get the Word Out](#) & [The Chosen](#).
- Think about what might help a person to discover Jesus.



GROW

Grow (G) are student initiatives that focus on creating a fellowship of disciples to grow together in their faith. Here the Christian students are the hosts.

- Current examples in are network are:
[Kristet Initiativ](#), [Credo Lund](#) & [Credo Umeå](#).
- We also recommend resources such as: [Riktad](#), [Credo Students podd](#) & [blogg](#) and [Bible Project](#).
- Think about what might help the Christian grow as a disciple while a student and in preparation for working life. Are there any questions to wrestle with and how can they be answered?



SHARE

Share (S) are student initiatives that go out to non-christian environments to share the Good news through words (evangelism) and actions. Here the Christians come as guests, in a group or individually.

- Some examples are:
Street Evangelism, giving out Bibles, writing papers with a Christian perspective.
- Think about contexts or activities where you can join as a Christian. Is there a student-fair, festival or event that you can attend?



P.L.A.N

Credo Student strives to enable local networks of [DGS](#)-initiatives through PLAN. The PLAN-model expresses the kinds of support we offer: Personal, Leadership, Analysis, and Network. This model can be applied individually or at the group level.



PERSONAL

Though mentoring and workshops we show:

- An interest in the leader as a person and in his/her development
- Care for the leader's relationship with God, for example through Bible reading, prayer and spiritual guidance



LEADERSHIP

Though mentoring and workshops we address:

- PR: How to achieve visibility for an initiative/group
- Project leading: How to delegate? How do I put together a team? How to generate a vision? How can I handle conflicts?



ANALYSIS

Through our work with Vocation, lectures, workshops, blogs and our podcast we work for:

- Integration of the Christian faith with different professions
- Discipleship in a secular time when different narratives compete with the gospel of God's kingdom and its risen King



NETWORK



We build networks on five levels arising from [Credo Student's values](#):

1. Locally in towns/regions (Discover, Grow, Share)
2. [Nationally](#)
3. [Vocationally](#)
4. Internationally through [IFES](#)
5. External partnerships (YWAM, Kristen i Akademin, KLM and Alpha)

Credo Student's Values

We aim to be a gospel-centred network:

We aim to serve the Church by being a missional movement that reaches the university with the gospel. Because of Jesus' life, death and resurrection, fallen humanity can be reconciled to God and become his children. Through the life and power of the Spirit we are sent out to the world with the life-changing message of the gospel.

We aim to be a Bible-centred network:

We believe that the Bible reveals God and is trustworthy in all it communicates. We wrestle with its texts as historical documents and as revelation in order to understand its life-giving & authoritative message in our time.



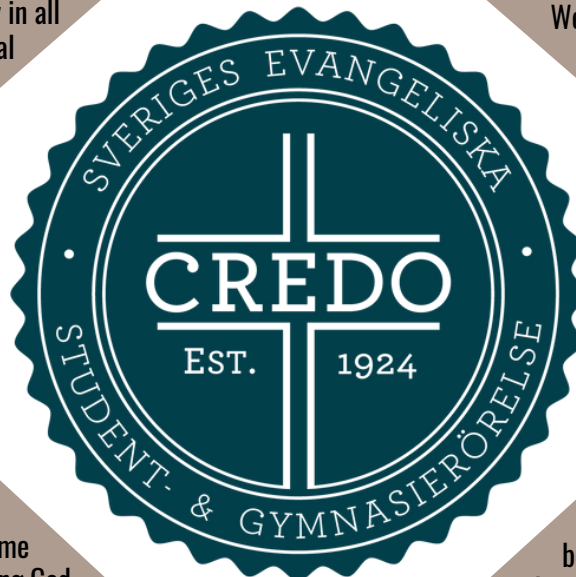
We aim to be a Christ-centred network:

We look to Jesus for rescue and salvation, and to be called and sent. We believe he is the only way to eternal life, the ultimate truth and life itself. Jesus' mission and claims are our motivation and response in everything we do.



We aim to be an ecumenical network:

By faith in Jesus we are united in one gospel and are called to embody a unity where we both listen to and question different views on issues of doctrine.



We aim to be an integrating network:

We think that Christians have a particular opportunity at university to integrate their Christian worldview & lifestyle with their subject and profession.

We aim to be a prayer-driven network:

We believe that our efforts are completely dependent on God's grace and power. Through committed, continued and persistent prayer we can see God's kingdom come and see students coming to faith and following God.



We aim to be a network that trains disciples:

We aim to help students develop a Christian mindset in theory and in practice. This may entail wrestling with both the Bible and society, with the aim of following Jesus well in the midst of a secular society.



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