

Prisma Västra Götaland

A website for people, places and accounts – about social development in Western Sweden during the industrial age.





Almost everything we take for granted is the result of industrialisation!

- A dramatic transformation of society and a focus on the future
- Västra Götaland becomes an important industrial region
- Preservation of our cultural heritage, reflected in the founding of museums and local history societies



Are we in the middle of a new social upheaval?

Can the stories about the industrial age help us to understand where we are heading?



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Prisma can provide both context and perspective

- What is the current situation in Västra Götaland?
- How has it become the way it is?
- In what direction is society moving?
- What form do we want it to take?



Is it possible to gather and present 150 years of life stories, industrial history and social development in one and the same place?

Yes it is, but we need to work together to make it a reality.



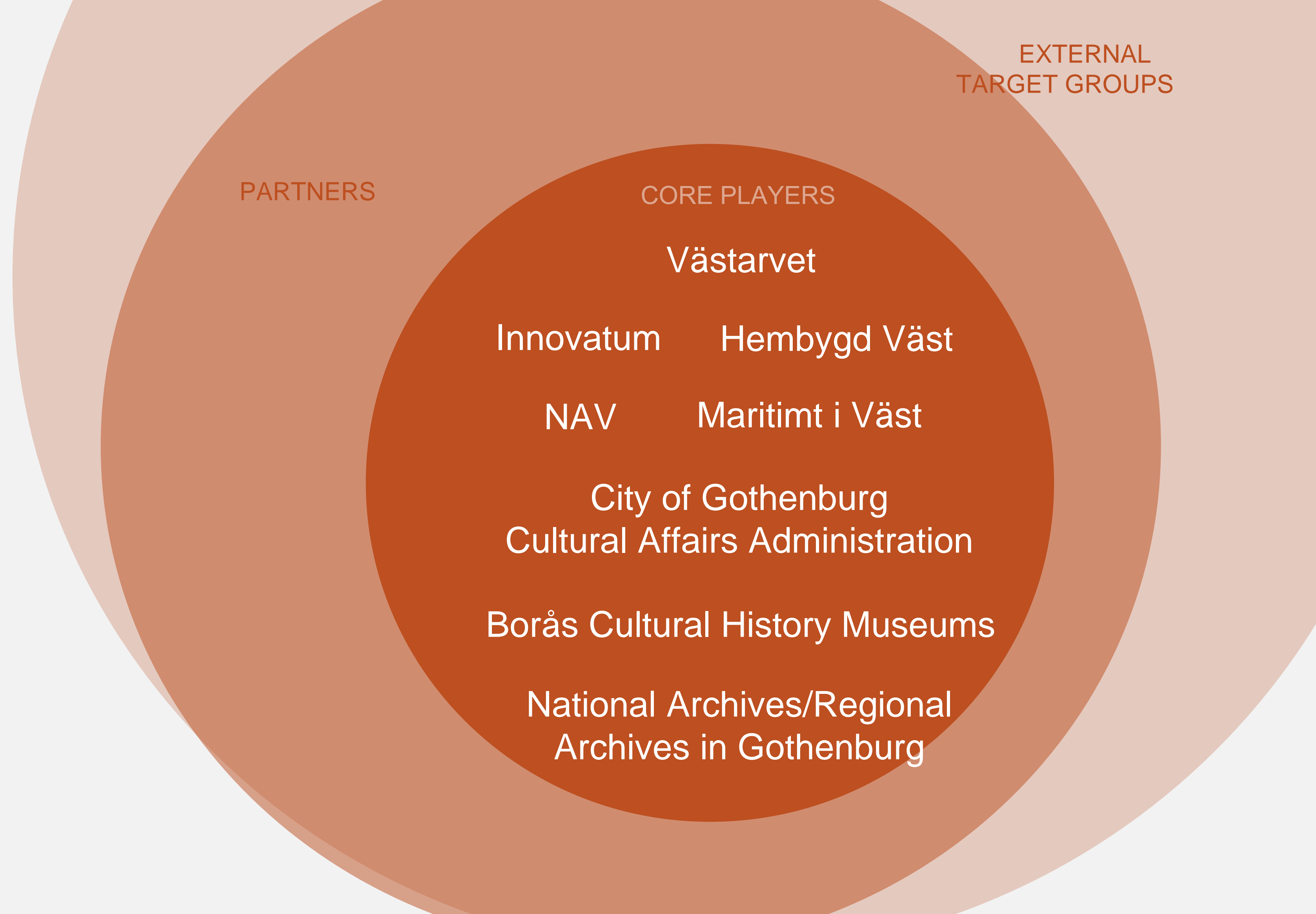
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The driving force behind Prisma is the Västra Götaland Industrial Museum – a unique collaborative venture

- A network museum where together we can highlight the history of Western Sweden – from 1850 through to the present day
- Not just industrial history but the whole of the transformation of society and people's lives during that period
- Several hundred representatives from non-profit, municipal and regional organisations are working together

Those currently involved in the Västra Götaland Museum network

Collaboration has been made possible through development funding provided by the Västra Götaland Region Cultural Affairs Committee 2014-2016

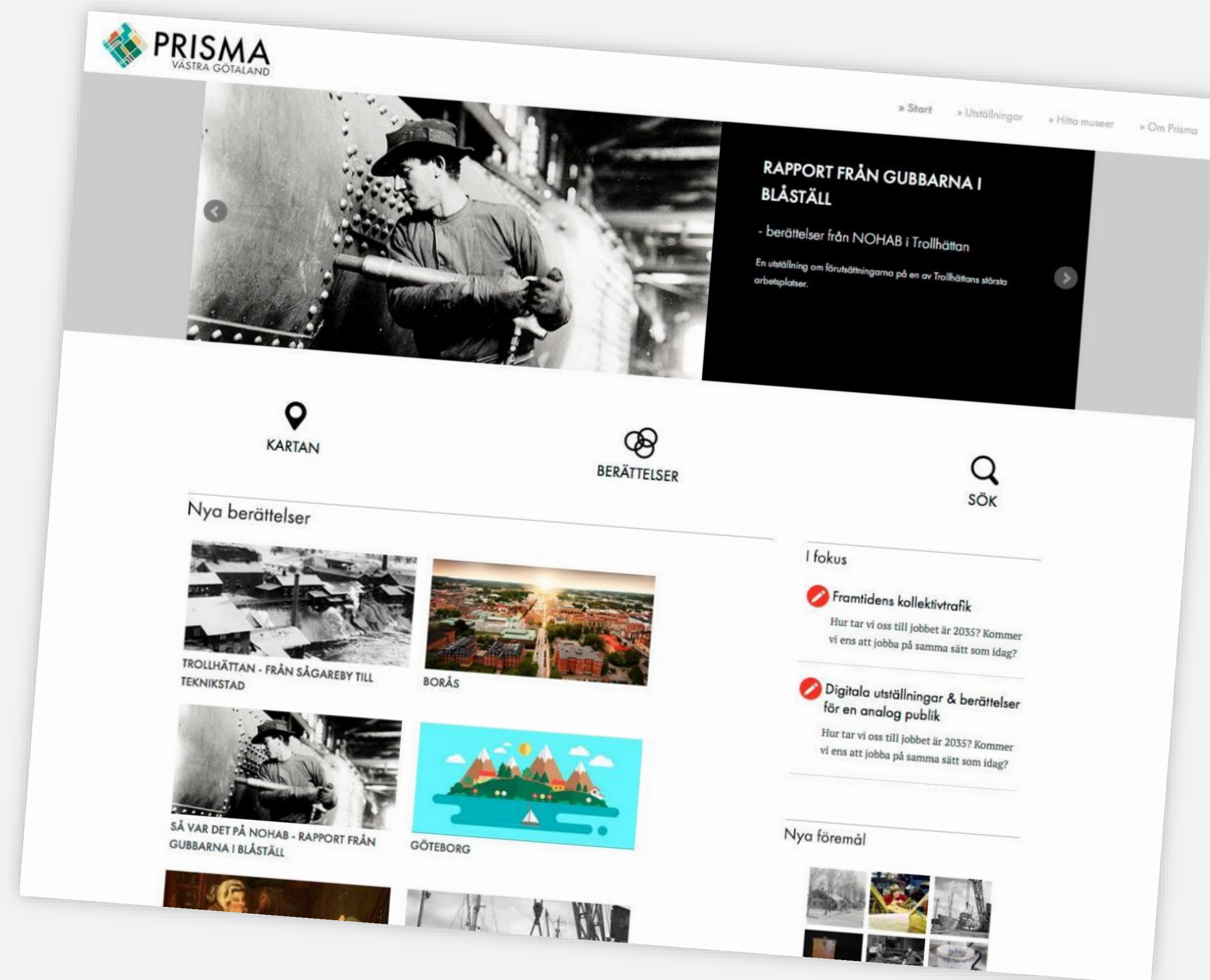




Our history is instrumental in shaping the future

- **City-Country:** Urbanisation and population depletion – how is this affecting our region?
- **Environment-Energy:** A great deal has improved – but at what cost?
- **Use of cars:** Symbolic of modern society – but is that the case today?
- **Globalisation:** Closer contact but with new divisions?

We have created Prisma to ensure that it is open and available for everyone to use.



Storytelling is everything

- About places, people and events that have shaped the society in which we live today
- A place for stories – not an archive!
- Quality – not quantity
- Links to other material



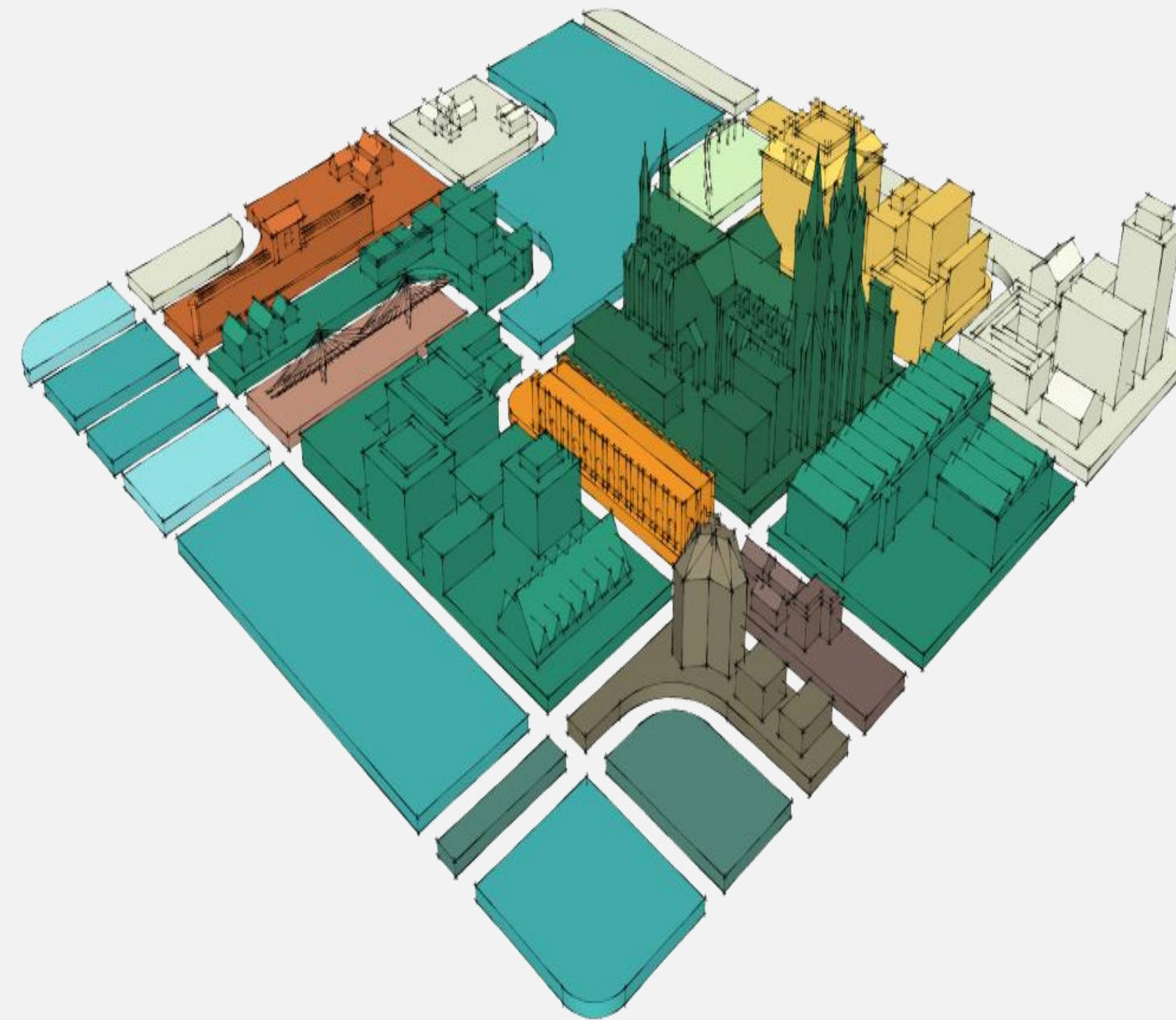


Prisma VG contributes to reinforcing the visitor industry

- Increases interest in places and encourages people to visit tourist attractions and places of interest throughout the region
- Information about current events

Aims - Prisma VG

- Create a greater degree of democracy and involvement in present-day social development
- Disseminate knowledge of industrial society
- Provide the means that will give everyone the opportunity to contribute to the story
- Increase the number of visitors to locations of industrial and historical importance



How Prisma VG works

- The foundation for Prisma VG is Omeka – an open source tool used by museums throughout the world
- Two sections: a tool and a website
- Easy to understand and use and does not require any specialist knowledge
- The content is created manually or through existing collection databases
- Material that is uploaded is available for everyone to use
- A tool for the simple visualisation of information in an engaging way

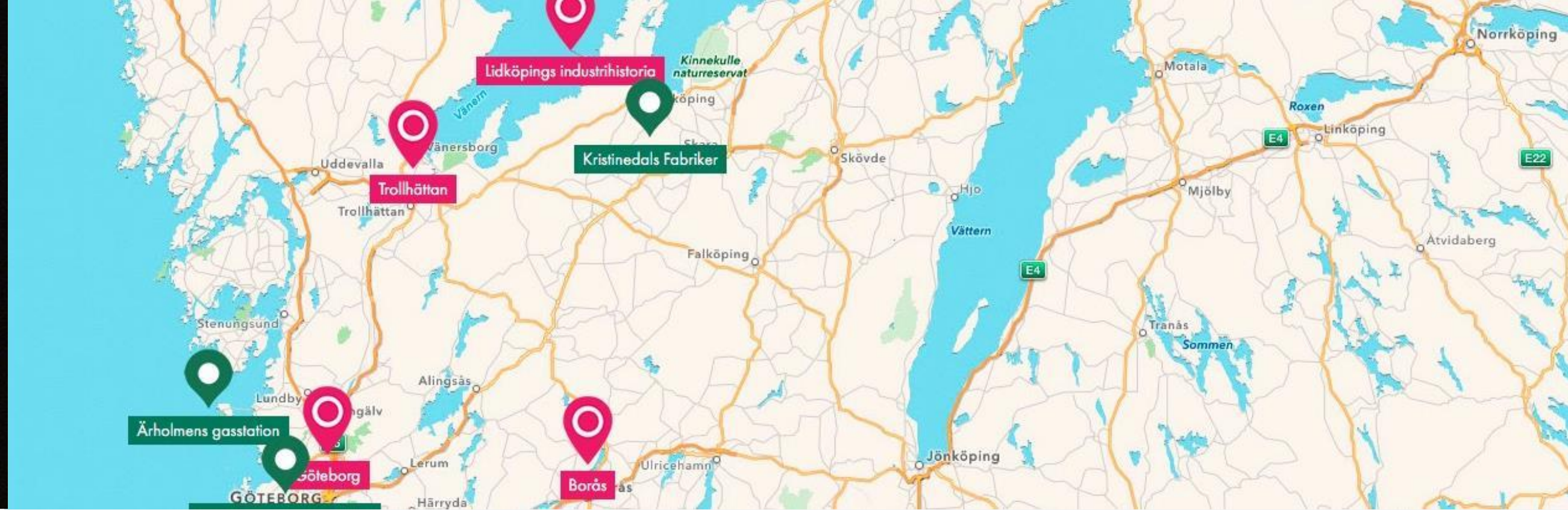
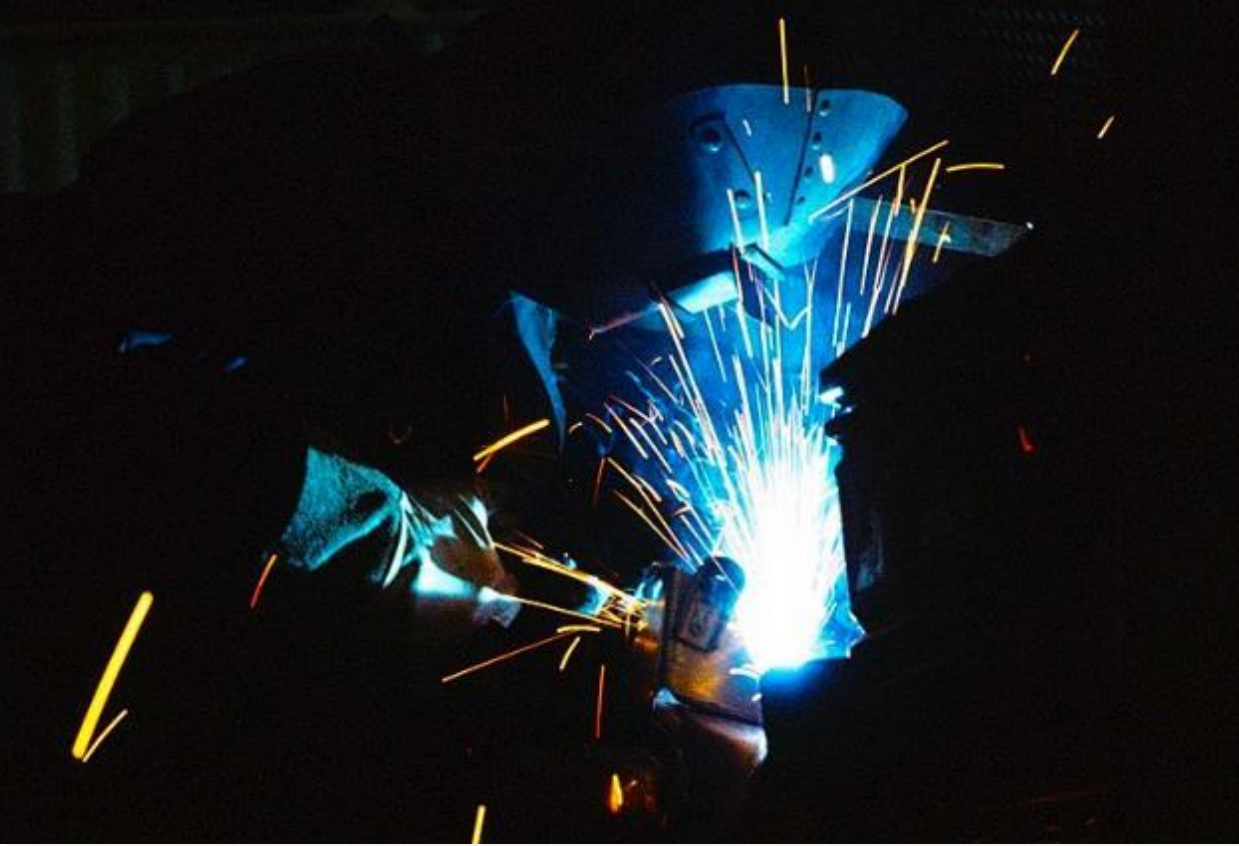
Reuse, not duplicate

Prisma uses APIs to retrieve additional information from other more specialised sources.

For example:

- 150 working life museums in Västra Götaland via BaseTool
- 250 selected industrial history sites via K-Samsök
- Import of images from different websites

Information can then be processed further or used directly in a story



The world of Prisma VG

- Places, relationships and time are vital tools to explore industrial history
- The stories are explored through an interactive map, traditional navigation and free-text searches
- The platform can be used for other themes outside our industrial history

Prisma Editorial Team

- Examines material
- Supports users
- Is responsible for the development of new technology and functionality
- A separate site with manuals and video guides



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Workshops for more people to get started with Prisma VG

- We arrange workshops throughout western Sweden
- In just a couple of hours you will have learned how to use the tool and you can continue on your own
- Special 'work days' to provide ongoing help with your own individual story

Do you want to be involved in presenting our history?

- We will be publishing Prisma Västra Götaland on May 25, 2016
- www.prismavg.se