

INFORMATION ON THE CLOSING OF THE CURRENT COMMUNITY AMAGER

In an extended board meeting on September 17, 2020 in Community Amager, together with the chairs of the parish councils involved, the majority of the parishes decided to close Community Amager in its current form and to investigate possibilities for rethinking the concept.

The decision has been a long process, in which the present Community Amager has been evaluated by the board, the employees and the parish councils with the help of a consultant. The overall impression has been that the current conditions for Community Amager need to be changed. Community Amager was founded in 2003. Since then, a lot has changed in society and in the parishes on Amager.

The decision to close Community Amager is not an expression of dissatisfaction with the work of the employees. They have done a good job within the existing framework, and the work has been backed up by the board and the parish councils. Every year, the parish councils have earmarked a sum of money to support Community Amager.

There have, however, been structural challenges for Community Amager. For one, we have not been able to succeed in creating the necessary interest for Community Amager's work in a number of parishes. Some have considered withdrawing their support, and some have actually done so. This has contributed to the lack of a common vision and clear ownership of the project. It has also been difficult to build a clear leadership of the project, since it has been based only on representation from the different parishes. The theological ideas and value-based foundation also needed to be reevaluated.

As immigration into the parishes and religious and cultural pluralism has increased through the years, the tasks of the employees have grown beyond their capacity, and a clear prioritization is needed.

A majority of the parishes have therefore decided to close the current work in order to create a new foundation for the work. The new Community Amager is to avoid the structural challenges which the current one has been burdened with, for example with clearer goals and focus areas and stronger leadership.

The work of the current Community Amager will be closed formally in January 2021. The last international service under the current Community Amager will take place on Sunday, January 3 at 5 pm. in Nathanael's Church. On Friday, January 15 there will be a reception for board members, parish councils and partners in Nathanael's Church Parish House.