



**Award of Spirit of ICED to Torgny Roxå  
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Torgny Roxå has worked in educational/academic development since 1988. He has had his base at Lund University, an old, comprehensive, research-intensive university in southern Sweden. Early in his work, and always theory-driven, Torgny inspired colleagues to include more research from various fields as a basis for his own and others' scholarly approach to their practice, whether in teaching or in educational development. He was the one who introduced the concept of Scholarship of Teaching and Learning at Lund University, which has since many years formed a basis for the educational development strategy in this institution.

Torgny Roxå has been active at the national level, both in Swednet's steering committee, as well as in initiating an influential professional development initiative for educational developers in Sweden, a course called "Strategic Educational Development". This initiative promoted and supported a large number of Swedish educational developers to think and act more strategically and scholarly in their organisations. Rather than focusing their work on individual academic teachers, they were encouraged to think about large-scale change initiatives in relation to education. This course has also been offered in international contexts, such as Germany, Iceland, and Singapore – countries where at the time no national networks for educational developers existed.

Torgny Roxå has also had a special interest in supporting colleagues around the world in their educational development work. He has supported newly established units for educational development at Swedish universities as well as contributed to collaborative educational development initiatives in Eastern Europe, Georgia, and Palestine - to name a few. He has for a number of years held The Dag Hammarskjöld Distinguished Scholar in Leadership and Learning at McMaster University in Canada. On numerous occasions, he has been invited to give workshops and keynotes around the world – always appreciated for his level of engagement, scholarly underpinning, and sense of humour. He is currently involved in large-scale educational development initiatives in Norway.

The board of Swednet therefore consider Torgny Roxå to be a genuinely worthy

recipient of the Spirit of ICED Award 2022 – always a collegial role model with educational development in his heart and mind