



H.E. Björn Lyrvall of Sweden Receives the IFE Global Technology Visionary Award



H.E. Hamdullah Mohib of Afghanistan, H.E. Wolfgang Waldner of Austria, H.E. Kirsti Kauppi of Finland, IFE Founder & CEO Coach Kathy Kemper, H.E. Björn Lyrvall of Sweden, H.E. Prasad Kariyawasam of Sri Lanka, and the Honorable Dr. R. David Edelman

On Monday, July 17 techies, ambassadors, and Washingtonians alike gathered at the gorgeous Swedish residence in Northwest DC to celebrate open government. As guests arrived, they were greeted by Swedish Ambassador Björn Lyrvall, a well-known advocate of social media, innovation, and collaboration. The technology leadership of Capitol Hill and the White House joined the reception, as did the Ambassadors from Afghanistan, Austria, Finland, and Sri Lanka. During the celebration, the Institute for Education presented Ambassador Lyrvall with the Global Technology Visionary Award for his commitment to innovation in government.



H.E. Björn Lyrvall will soon return to Sweden to serve as the Ambassador for Arctic Affairs. The Institute for Education broadcast his last interview in America on [Facebook Live](#). The Ambassador was interviewed by IFE Distinguished Fellow, the Honorable Dr. R. David Edelman, discussing bipartisanship, freedom of the press, and issues facing the Arctic region. Thank you to our wonderful hosts Aneesh

H.E. Björn Lyrvall and the Honorable Dr. R. David Edelman

Chopra, Gerrit Lansing, Matt Lira, and Rob Cook. The Institute for Education welcomes Mary Anne Cook to our leadership, as the new Technology in Government Steward.



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OUT AND ABOUT -- Björn Lyrvall, ambassador of Sweden, last night welcomed the Institute for Education 4th Open Government to his residence where he was presented the IFE Global Tech Visionary Award. **SPOTTED:** Austrian Amb. Waldner Wolfgang, Sri Lankan Amb. Kariyawasam Prasad, Afghan Amb. Hamdullah Mohib, Finnish Amb. Kauppi Kirsti, Singapore Amb. Ashok Mirpuri, Rosemarie Pauli, Coach Kathy Kemper, Jennifer Griffin, Aneesh Chopra, Matt Lira, Jim Valentine, Sokwoo Rhee, Rebeccah Propp, Megan Smith, Cori Zarek, Kristen Honey, Grace Koh, Joel Minton, Rob Cook, Emma King Doyle, Tim Cameron, Ben Friedman, Ross Dakin, Raffi Krekorian and Seamus Kraft.

The Institute for Education's free computer science camp at the University of Southern California (CS@SC) begins its third week of the summer today. Local underrepresented students from 1st to 9th grade come to learn stand-alone programming, web development, mobile app creation, and robotics. Send a kid to camp for \$270 or 10 kids for \$2700. Donations can be made to the Institute for Education on Venmo or by check.

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