



This is Studiefrämjandet

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Shape your future

Humans are born curious. For most of us, the eagerness to learn lasts throughout life. Humans are also social creatures. We enjoy sharing our discoveries and insights with each other.

Combine the eagerness to learn with the desire for community, and you get *folkbildning*, non-formal adult education, in a nutshell.

Studieförbundet is one of Sweden's largest study associations. Every year, more than 200 000 participants gather in our study circles and courses, in the most wide-ranging subjects. It is proof that people want to shape their future and learn together!

Studieförbundet is a non-profit and politically and religiously nonaligned organization. Democracy and all humans' equal value are our foundational ideals.

The joy of learning

Shared joy is a double joy, the saying goes. That also applies to knowledge. Our educational methods emanate from the joy of learning and exploring together. We see it happen every day in our courses and study circles.

Your eagerness to learn is our starting point. To us, knowledge is something much greater than school books and cold facts.

The purpose of *folkbildning* goes further than that. We believe that our entire society gains from more people being active and searching for knowledge together. Democracy is also about so much more than just voting every fourth year. It includes wanting and daring to express one's opinion, keeping up with what is going on in the world and caring about other people.

Research shows that participants in study circles not only learn more about the subjects they are studying. They also become more confident in affecting the society that surrounds them. They meet new friends and have a really good time!







Much to explore

Studieförbundet has a particular focus on increased knowledge in the subject areas nature, animals, environment and culture.

But our concept of learning has no limits. And our participants' creativity is just as limitless. You can learn about everything from cosplay and sustainability to music promotion and dog training.

Get inspired by the diversity! What knowledge would you like to share with others?

Studieförbundet gives people the opportunity to explore their interests and gain insights together with others.

Sustainability – our lodestar

Studieförbundet aspires to be a completely sustainable study association. We are not there yet, but we take action every day in order to reach that goal.

We work with sustainability primarily through our educational activities and events. We are also a platform for dialogue on how to create the best possible world for us and for the next generations.

We use the Agenda 2030 to support us in our work. It is the most ambitious co-action for a sustainable future that the world leaders have agreed on.

Along with our participants, member organizations and other collaborative partners, we and our 500 something employees do an important job in order to reach the global sustainable development goals.



Our four cornerstones

Study circles compose the foundation of what we do. They are sometimes called courses, but the principle is the same: a small group of people that learn something together. Anyone can start a study circle and it can be about anything – from bird watching to equality. Study circles are based on democratic values, with the participants deciding on and shaping their own studies.

Studieförbundet collaborates with thousands of associations and networks. We help organize study circles, courses and cultural activities. We are often a sounding board and assist with practical things such as venues, equipment, study material and educational support.

Study associations are big producers of arts and culture. Studieförbundet organizes thousands of lectures, concerts, theatre productions and exhibitions annually. We create the right conditions for people who want to exercise and experience culture.

Studieförbundet carries out a lot of tasks on behalf of municipalities, regions and agencies. These tasks range from dealing with integration to carrying out activities with people with a disability. In this way, we contribute to societal development and strengthen democracy. *Folkbildning*, non-formal education, has proven to be a successful model for learning, lessening social inequality and increasing happiness.





Some of our concepts

Livekarusellen and Danskarusellen – our biggest cultural arenas

By partaking in Livekarusellen and Danskarusellen, thousands of musicians and dancers get to perform in front of a live audience and develop.

Café Planet – for people who want to discuss the environment

Café Planet is a meeting place for anyone interested in a sustainable future. Here you can connect with people and build new networks.

Tusen Trädgårdar (*A Thousand Gardens*) – the great gardening party

One summer day every other year, gardens across Sweden open. It is an opportunity for gardening enthusiasts to meet and exchange knowledge.

Älskade barn (*Beloved child*) – for parents in a new country

A study material for parents in a new country. Through *Älskade barn*, parents get to meet and talk about how it is to have and raise children in Sweden.

Jägarskolan – get your Hunters' Exam with us

Our hunting training makes you feel prepared and secure when you leave for your first hunt. It also teaches you about wildlife management.

Short facts

About Studieförbundet

Studieförbundet is a nonaligned study association that was established in 1959. Studieförbundet operates in all of Sweden and consists of several independent local chapters. Our national association (*riksförbundet*) leads and coordinates the work.

Democratically governed by member organizations

Studieförbundet is a democratic organization where every local chapter, just as *riksförbundet*, has its own board. Every other year, we have a general meeting. As an individual, you cannot be a member of Studieförbundet, but we do have 19 member organizations:

- Adoptionscentrum
- BirdLife Sverige
- Friluftsförbundet
- Fältbiologerna
- Förbundet Skog och Ungdom
- Jordbrukare-Ungdomens Förbund
- Jordens Vänner
- Koloniträdgårdsförbundet
- Naturskyddsföreningen
- Riksförbundet Hem och Skola
- Riksförbundet Sveriges 4H
- Sportfiskarna, Sveriges Sportfiske- och fiskevårdsförbund
- Svensk Live – Unga arrangörsnätverket
- Svenska Brukshundklubben
- Svenska Jägareförbundet
- Svenska Kennelklubben
- Svenska Turistföreningen
- Sveriges Hundungdom
- Sverok

Circle leaders with a lot of knowledge

Studieförbundet has informed and experienced leaders, with subject-specific expertise and experience in leading groups. All of our leaders are invited to participate in our leadership program.

Everyone is welcome

Studieförbundet is open for everyone, irrespective of gender identity, ethnicity, race, religion, functional disability or sexuality.

Valla folkhögskola

Studieförbundet is, together with Riksförbundet Sveriges 4H, operator of Valla folk high school (*Valla folkhögskola*).

Funding

Studieförbundet is mainly funded by grants from the state, municipalities and regions. Beside the public grants for non-formal education, Studieförbundet's activities and operations are funded by participatory fees and revenues from projects.

A part of Swedish *folkbildning*

Studieförbundet is a part of Swedish *folkbildning*, along with the other study associations and folk high schools. *Folkbildning*, non-formal adult education, is about developing and restoring democracy by increasing the educational levels in society, decreasing the educational gaps that still exist, and by making sure that everyone has the opportunity to experience and exercise culture.

One of ten study associations

Studieförbundet is one of ten study associations that are entitled to public grants. Every study association has its own profile and focus, but are all united through the practice of *folkbildning*.

Studieförbunden

Studieförbunden is an interest organization for the study associations, of which all study associations who are entitled to public grants are members.

Folkbildningsrådet

Folkbildningsrådet allocates public grants to study associations and folk high schools, in addition to tracking these organizations' work.



Välkommen till Studieförbundet!