



GÅ MED I EN FÖRENING

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Would you like to meet new people and at the same time do something fun and interesting? Join an association!

An association is an organization which consists of people sharing a common interest. Associations are run on a nonprofit basis, with members organizing activities together. Being a member of an association is something you do in your spare time, outside of work, education or other commitments. There are associations for people of all ages, and in Sweden everyone has the right to join one, or even to start their own.

Many associations charge a membership fee when you become a member. How much this is varies from association to association. When you have paid the membership fee you have the right, together with other members, to influence how the association is run and what the association's activities should be.

Associations in Sweden

In Sweden there are about 200 000 associations, and most Swedes are members of at least one. There are associations in all possible fields, for example sports, culture, the outdoors, crafts, and much more. There are even many associations which work in the fields of human rights as well as political issues.

You too can join!

There are many advantages to being a member of an association. You become part of a wider social network where you can make new friends, but you can also make contacts who can let you know about job opportunities and act as references to potential employers. If you take part in an association's activities you will also have the opportunity to speak everyday Swedish and in that way learn the language faster. For many people being part of an association can also be a source of better health and wellbeing.

How do you find an association?

Most municipalities have a list of the associations in the area in which you live. This is a way to look for and find an association that suits you. You can also contact an educational association for additional help. Many associations have websites through which you can get in touch with them directly.