



JOIN THE CLUB!

What is a club or association?

An association is a democratically grounded organisation founded by people with a common interest of some kind. An association is not a company, it does not have any owner and it does not make profit.

The associations in Sweden are all built on voluntary engagement. It means that children and adults can help out in their spare time because they like it, without getting paid. One can also participate in the different activities that the association arranges.

The associations have leaders and trainers who are responsible for the various activities, and they do this in their spare time because they want to make a difference to the club and because they enjoy it.

To be engaged and commit to a club

All people have the right to join a club or association and to participate in the activities if one shares the interests of that specific club. Normally you pay a smaller yearly fee to become a member and to participate in the activities.

As a member you can attend the annual general meeting to decide upon the activities the club shall carry out. Being active in a club is positive for the health, generates a social network and gives the opportunity to speak everyday Swedish.

Associations and clubs in Sweden

There are approximately 200 000 clubs and associations in Sweden and most Swedes are members of one or more clubs. Clubs can exist in any area of the society, such as sports, culture, outdoor life or handicrafts. There are also clubs within areas such as human rights and political parties and much more!

Join the club!

Many people who are new in Sweden do not know about the various clubs and associations and it is therefore difficult to join in. Many newcomers also say it is hard to find places to practice Swedish. To engage in a club is a good way to know more about Swedish society and get to know other people.

You can try out an activity in a club through Arbetsförmedlingen or the municipality for a shorter period of time. After you have tried the activity you can decide for yourself if you wish to continue on your own.

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