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# Folkbildning

Plats för  
nytänkande

Folk means people and bildning means learning=

## Folkbildning

non-formal adult education



- It is always voluntary.
- Learning is a lifelong process.
- A clear mission to strengthen democracy and active citizenship.
- Freedom of syllabus. Own study/workingplans.
- Close relation to society and social movements.

The key insight is that everyone, regardless of age, gender or background, has the potential for development on the basis of their own unique skills and proficiencies.





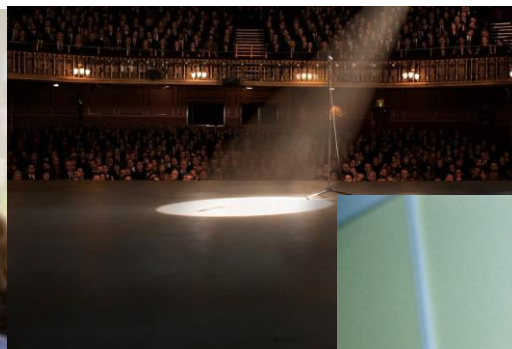
- **Study circle started in the beginning of 20th century:**
- **For exchange of knowledge to disadvantaged groups.**
- **To achieve social changes.**
- **Giving people knowledge and the ability to make their voice heard.**
- **To strengthen and develop democracy.**

# Non-formal adult education

- **10 study associations in Sweden**
- **Most of the major movements work in partnership with a study association.**
- **A part of civil society**
- **Organise cultural programmes and lectures**
- **The study circle is the cornerstone of folkbildning.**
- **Is recognised by all political parties**
- **It is run separately from the state, but financed by public funds.**

## Public support for folkbildning- the activities of folkbildning shall:

- **Strengthen and develop democracy.**
- **Make it possible for people to influence their life situation and create participative involvement in societal development.**
- **Bridge educational gaps and raise the level of education and cultural awareness in society.**
- **Broaden the interest for and increase participation in cultural life.**



# The home of Free thought



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- **SV formally founded in 1967.**
- **SV is an association for education, training and culture for adults.**
- **For private citizens and associations/organisations.**
- **Equal rights for all people.**
- **Diversity.**
- **Meeting places in study circles and cultural arrangements.**
- **Everyone is welcome.**
- **Over 300 offices around in Sweden.**



# Study circle-equality and democracy





# Study circle

- **Free and voluntary**
- **Common interest**
- **Democratic environment**
- **The group decides the topic and the goal- study plan**
- **Small groups**
- **3-10 meetings**
- **One of the participants is the leader**
- **The leader inspire to dialogue**



# Reading for elderly



## WHY?

- Most of us have the habit of reading daily. Everyday is filled by different information.
- Reading makes us part in the society.
- Not everyone can, depends on different things- they need different help.

**Information** Easy-to-read-text

**Reading aloud**-Reading representatives- personal/staff who is reading for elderly or for people with intellectual disabilities.

Volunteers- mostly reading for elderly.



-MTM- Myndigheten för tillgängliga media/ Swedish Agency for Accessible Media. (national)

-Regional working group/Easy-to-read-group:

Region Västra Götaland. 49 municipalities.

5 persons from different associations/organisations.

Support and have inspirationsdays for readers and local workgroups.

Document/support; why reading? mm

Education/courses in reading.

-Local working groups in the different municipalities.

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# The terminology is important because.....

## School use words as.....

- ✉ Class
- ✉ Teacher
- ✉ Pupil, student
- ✉ Lesson
- ✉ Classroom
- ✉ Teaching
- ✉ Textbook
- ✉ Term
- ✉ Competence certificate

## We say.....

- Study Circle/group
- Leader or co-operator
- Participant
- Meeting
- Study room
- Studies
- Study material
- Study season
- Attendance certificate

