

In Sweden, state support for adult education is available via study groups. A study group is a group of people who meet in their leisure time to learn something new. This can be learning to play a musical instrument, learning a new language or cooking skills, for example. The leader of the group can be a volunteer or a salaried employee. Leaders do not have to be qualified teachers. Joining a study group is voluntary and you do not receive a certificate in the subject you have studied.

There are 10 adult education associations that offer study group courses in Sweden. One such association is **Studieförbundet Bilda**. To join a study group, you must present a valid civil registration number or if you are an asylum seeker, your so-called LMA number and date of birth to the group leader. Data protection legislation in Sweden prevents the government from obtaining data on who is a member of a study group. Studieförbundet Bilda strictly complies with this legislation.