



Inclusivity For Archives

What is IFA?

IFA is a free project supporting ethnic minority groups and people with roots outside Sweden. We are trying to make contact with groups and associations run by newcomers to Sweden and ethnic minorities in the municipalities of Ale, Härryda, Kungälv, Mölndal, Partille and Öckerö.

Have you or has someone you know set up an association since they came to Sweden? Our aim is to help you document and maintain important documents just as we do for all other Swedish groups and associations.

Who are we?

We are an archive for civil society organisations. We actively collect information, photos, films and documents created by community groups. All citizens in Sweden have the right to use such an archive in order to store records of their voluntary groups' activities.

Community archives are the memory banks of civil society. The community archive (föreningsarkivet) of Sydvästra Götaland stores memories from organisations within Ale, Härryda, Kungälv, Mölndal, Partille and Öckerö.



What do we do?

We can help document your activities and give advice on how to keep your archives in good order. We can also take in archives to store and catalogue the material and make it easier to find what you are looking for, or keep it safe for future generations.

IFA aims to include groups that are under-represented in our archive so that we can start to fill gaps in civil society's memory. Groups that we are missing right now include organisations set up by newcomers to Sweden or people with roots outside of Sweden.

What kinds of groups are you in?

We are interested in all types of voluntary groups: cultural, social, sporting, political, artistic, educational, musical, economic or other.

It could be a local branch of a national or international organisation. It might be based within our area, but have its activities mostly elsewhere.

Inactive: If your group has stopped operating or disbanded, now is the time to gather its documents before they are thrown out or disappear! We can store for them for free.

Well-established: Archiving helps you keep track of important documents, keeps them safe from accidents, helps new board members find information, and provides a resource for when the organisation holds a jubilee and wants to look back and celebrate its activities.

New: Thinking through how you will handle all the documents your group creates ensures you have what you need in the future.

Informal: Is your group only on Facebook or without a formal constitution? If no one has responsibility for maintaining its documents, it can all disappear after a few years – a loss to the memory of civil society.



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