



AUTISM &
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**THIS IS THE AUTISM AND ASPERGER
ASSOCIATION IN SWEDEN**



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The Autism and Asperger Association in Sweden strives to create better conditions for children, young people and adults with autism.

AS A MEMBER, you have access to exchanges of knowledge, a community, and opportunities to learn more about autism. You can attend lectures, meetings, conferences and take part in camps. You can even get advice from our legal advisor and our mediators.

Over the years, the association has played an important role in developing knowledge about autism and Asperger's syndrome in Sweden. We have participated in trial projects to test and evaluate new methods such as intervention, schools and daily activities. Many of these projects have since become permanent.

AS A MEMBER, YOU GET:

- access to all activities organised by your region, such as lectures, swimming trips, coffee evenings, group meetings, camps and much more
- the opportunity to receive advice from our mediators and legal advisor at our Stockholm office. This can relate to everything from questions about diagnoses to how you can appeal against decisions
- the magazine for members, Ögonblick, which is issued four times a year

THE AUTISM AND ASPERGER ASSOCIATION in Sweden aims to improve the conditions of people with autism. Above all, the association aims to:

- spread information about and increase understanding of autism
- strive to achieve tailored education, accommodation, employment and leisure activities
- create contacts between people with autism, their relatives and professionals working in the field
- monitor and provide ideas for research within the area
- participate in international work within the area



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HOW WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Autism and Asperger Association in Sweden works actively to influence politicians, authorities and other organisations. We do this by meeting politicians, creating personal contacts and by participating in and responding to a range of official reports.

Our media contacts take place through press releases, debate articles and personal contacts. We also carry out lobbying, often together with other organisations.

HOW WE WORK INTERNALLY

As a member, you belong to one of our 25 regional associations. Each association is a legal entity with a board, an annual meeting and a wide range of activities for members. Every year the Autism and Asperger Association in Sweden holds a national and representative assembly.

At least two representatives are sent from every district, meeting with the association's board and the secretariat to discuss issues of shared concern.

Every autumn, a federal council also meets to discuss such issues.

BOOKS, FILMS AND WEBSITE

In order to increase knowledge of autism, the Autism and Asperger Association in Sweden produces books, films and information material.

The website www.autism.se provides basic information about autism, opportunities for support, stories from people with autism and their relatives, together with a web shop where you can order books, films and information material. The association is also present on Facebook, with several discussion forums and an official Facebook page.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Once a year, the Autism and Asperger Association in Sweden organises a national conference on a specific theme. The national conference is aimed at members and professionals working within the area.

UTBILDNINGSCENTER AUTISM

Utbildningscenter Autism AB, a company wholly owned by the Autism and Asperger Association in Sweden, runs on a non-profit basis. Utbildningscenter Autism provides training and disseminates knowledge about autism to professionals, relatives and people with disabilities.





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ÅRETS PUSSELBIT

Every year, the association awards the Årets pusselbit (Jigsaw Piece of the Year) prize. Members are encouraged to nominate candidates in two classes: professionals and people working within the Autism and Asperger Association in Sweden and its districts.

STIFTELSEN AUTISM

The aim of Stiftelsen Autism (the Autism Foundation) is to promote good living conditions for autistic people of all ages. The Foundation provides funding to activities and projects that further its aims.

INTERNATIONAL CONTACTS

The Autism and Asperger Association in Sweden meets with the other Nordic autism associations on an annual basis to

discuss shared issues. Our relationships with European and other organisations are primarily based on an exchange of members' magazines and information material, and on participating in conferences. The Autism and Asperger Association in Sweden is a member of Autism Europe.

SECRETARIAT

The association has a secretariat with ten permanent staff: the office manager, legal advisor, financial manager, mediators, administrator, writer, photographer and communicator.

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