# ABOUT

#### Vetenskap & Allmänhet

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PUBLIC & SCIENCE SWEDEN

## **SCIENCE** FOR EVERYONE

Public & Science Sweden is a Swedish non-profit association and expert organisation whose purpose is to promote openness and dialogue between researchers and the public. We believe that greater communication and collaboration in research is needed to find sustainable solutions to societal challenges.

### **OUR VISION**

### Science accessible to everyone!

### OUR GOALS

- The public to understand what science is and to have the opportunity to participate in research.
- Researchers to have knowledge of attitudes to science and incentives to undertake dialogue and collaboration.
- Decision-makers to make use of science and recognise the value of dialogue between researchers and other parts of society.

### WAYS TO REACH OUR GOALS

- Studies, attitude surveys and evaluations.
- Activities in new formats for public engagement, dialogue and co-creation.
- Communication of our own and others' knowledge and experiences.
- Advocacy work at national and European level.

FUNDING

 Project grants
Membership fees
Grant from the Swedish Ministry of Education and Research
Other



Public & Science Sweden was founded in 2002 and its members consist of over 100 organisations, such as authorities, universities, businesses, education associations, museums

and research funding bodies. In addition, we have individual members. For information on how to join and a current membership list, please see **vetenskapallmanhet.se/membership** 



### SOME OF OUR PROJECTS

#### ForskarFredag – Sweden's most widespread science festival

Public & Science Sweden is the national coordinator of **ForskarFredag**, European Researchers' Night in Sweden.

Through ForskarFredag, we have developed innovative formats to promote engagement and dialogue about research. One example is the annual **Borrow a Researcher** initiative, whereby schools across Sweden book researchers to visit them, either in person or online. During these visits, researchers share insights into their work, research field, and journey to a career in research. FORSKAR GRAND PRIX FINAL 2024

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#### Science communication and co-creation

Public & Science Sweden works in various ways to strengthen the dialogue about research and science. We organise the Swedish Forum for Science Communication, a meeting place for everyone working in, or interested in science communication. Through the conference Science & Society – dialogue for evidence-based policy, we are bringing together researchers, policymakers and civil society to discuss pressing societal issues. In the EU-funded LOESS project, we are co-creating educational materials on soil health.

We also run citizen science projects, where researchers and the public collaborate to generate new knowledge using scientific methods. **Voices of the Walls** is a humanities project in which pupils, teachers, and researchers are investigating the linguistic and visual landscape of schools. In the EU-funded **RE-MEND project**, we are engaging older adults in developing strategies for preventing mental illness.

### **JOIN OUR NETWORK!**

Public & Science Sweden is a non-profit civil society association that provides an open arena for dialogue, communication and engagement in research. We test new formats and ways of working, develop and disseminate knowledge, and work in an evidence-based way, in response to the needs of our members.

By becoming members of Public & Science Sweden, both organisations and individuals can contribute to our work to promote access to, and trust in knowledge, education, and research.

### Members gain:

- Knowledge via our studies and activities.
- Advice on how to design activities and studies.
- Access to a broad network of members, and opportunities to collaborate with us and our member organisations.
- Influence over the issues that we focus on, as well as visibility and goodwill.

Read more at vetenskapallmanhet.se/membership

### **THE YEAR AHEAD 2025**

7—11 April 7—8 May 25 June

22–27 September November Borrow a Researcher (Also, during ForskarFredag) Conference: Science & Society – dialogue for evidence-based policy

Research and Democracy Arena during Almedalen Week

per European Researchers' Night, ForskarFredag throughout Sweden Researchers' Grand Prix final

For the latest information, see vetenskapallmanhet.se/arrangemang

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