

Few Topics Are Off-Limits at The Male-Only Meetings Attended by Swedish Entrepreneur and Environmentalist Johannes Wretljung Persson. The Impact of Porn, Groping in Clubs, and Misogynist Banter at Work Have Already Been Widely Debated. The 33-Year-Old Says The Goal Is To Create An Environment In Which A Handful Of Men Can “Talk About Inequality And Patriarchy, And How To Be A Better Human Being”. “It’s Things People Have Done In The Past, That They Realise, ‘This Is So Bad That I Did This!’,” Adds Tård Wennerborg, A Tech Worker Who Is Another Attendee And Organiser Of The Events, Which Take Place In Vasteras, West Of Stockholm. “Also, Things You Haven't Done - You Have Heard Other People Say Things or Do Things, And You Haven’t Reacted or Opposed It.”

Across Sweden, Thousands of Men Have Participated In These Single-Gender Get-Togethers In Recent Years, According To Non-Profit Organisations Make Equal And MÄN, Which Work To Promote Equality. Events Have Ranged From Candle-Lit Dinner Parties to Debates Over Take-Away Tacos or Simple Coffee Evenings After Work In Empty Offices. Many Follow Set Guidelines Such as Asking Participants to Speak for A Similar Amount of Time On A Specific Gender-Related Topic Without Interruption (And With Complete Confidentiality). Others Serve as More Informal Support Sessions In Which Men Focus On Their Own Current Relationships And Mental Health.

Although Swedish Feminist Groups Have Long Encouraged Men to Participate In Discussions About Gender Equality And Identity, All-Male Talk Groups Took Off Exponentially In 2016, In The Wake Of A String Of Assaults Against Women At Swedish Music Festivals. The Female Co-Founder Of Make Equal, Ida Östensson, Posted On Facebook That Men Should Consider Getting Their Own Private Groups Together To Discuss The Problem. Her Call Went Viral Within Minutes. “The Interest Was Enormous,” Reflects The Organisation’s Spokesperson Kristina Wicksell

**Bukhari** “Many Men Had Felt Frustrated to Get Accused Of Being ‘Responsible’ [As A Gender] Without Being Able To Be A Part Of The Solution, Being Able To Do Something About It.” The Organisation Created A Website with Suggested Topics and Advice On How To Make The Most Of Conversations. The Hashtag ‘Killmiddag’ (Which Translates As ‘Guy’s Dinner’ Or ‘Guys Talk’ In English) Began Trending.

The Rise of The Me-Too Movement The Following Year Kept The Concept In The Spotlight. Despite Sweden’s Reputation as A World Leader In Championing Women’s Rights, There Were High-Profile Accounts Of Sexual Assaults And Discrimination In Swedish Industries Across Law, Architecture And The Arts, Alongside Calls For Structural Change.

Other Swedish Groups Working to Promote Equality Helped To Spread The Word About **Killmiddag** And Stepped Up Their Own Similar Initiatives. **MÄN** Put on Outreach Events In 30 Towns and Cities for Men to Discuss The Concerns Of The Me Too Movement, Which Included Analysing Anonymous Texts By Men Describing Their Behaviours. The Organisation Also Created Its Own Online Material Designed to Encourage Smaller Structured Discussion Sessions Geared Around Personal Reflection. Meetings Are Still Happening Around the Country.

*Question 1-2*

Choose **TWO Correct** Answers

1. What Was the Major Reason for Starting Male-Only Clubs

- To Garner Gender Equality
- To Initiate About Gender Bias
- To Be Misogynistic In Private
- To Give Men A Safe Space To Complain About Their Female Counterparts
- To Shut Out Women From Social Conversations

- To Talk About Men's Role In Social Issues In A Safe Space

*Question 3-4*

1. Which Are The Online Movements That Have Garnered Support

Recently

- Guy Dinner
- Metoo
- MÄN
- Killmiddag
- Guy Talk
- Make Equal