

## INTEGRATION IS A PROCESS!

- Labour market careers of immigrants through sequential steps



### Participant Invitation and Information Sheet

*What kind of project is it and why would you like me to participate?*

With this letter, you are invited to participate in the research project **“Integration is a process: Labour market careers of immigrants”** by telling a story of your way into the Swedish labour market. We received your name and address from Statistics Sweden (SCB) who randomly selected 1000 persons who migrated to Sweden between 1991 and 2010. We send out the invitation and information about the project to all those persons. Our objective is to collect stories from men and women, who have various occupations and who differ in their current working life situation, and who live in various parts of Sweden. This letter and other information regarding the research project, such as information about the project, instructions concerning the participation and login details are available in English and Swedish.

**“Integration is a process ...”** is a project focusing on exploring the working careers of immigrants in the Swedish labor market. One of the focuses of the project is to explore the meaning and relevance of place to the process of labor market integration. The results of the project are meant to influence national and local policies by providing insights into key aspects of labor market integration.

*How does the study look and is the participation voluntary?*

Your participation in this research project entails sharing with us the details of your working life story since migrating to Sweden up to this day. Thus, you are invited to tell your own story of how your working life and occupational career have been unfolding since you moved to Sweden. We are interested in your own experiences of working life and places that you identify as important to your professional career.

The study of individual stories is divided into two parts. The first part entails writing down or audio recording your own story of working life in Sweden. You will find more details about the ways of participating in the attached Instruction Letter. You can decide how your story will look and how long it will be. It is entirely up to you to decide if and how you would like to participate in this research and which language you would like to use to tell your story. If you decide to participate in this part of the study, you will also receive a question about the possibility of being interviewed later.

In the second part of the study, we will interview a smaller number of research participants from the first part of the study. Interviews will help us to gain in-depth knowledge and



understanding of labour market integration in Sweden. Prior to the interview study, we will contact participants who during the first part of the study expressed their interest in being interviewed. Once again, those persons will be asked about their consent to participate in an interview study.

*What happens with my story?*

Written and oral stories as well as individual interviews will be transcribed during the research process. All that research material will be treated with confidentiality and will be used only for research purposes. The project follows the national directives regarding the protection of personal details and the storage of data. The address lists used for contacting prospective research participants will be destroyed as soon as the data collection process ends. The results of the project will be presented in academic journals, during conferences and will be communicated to policy makers and relevant authorities in Sweden. Regardless of the presentation form, the results will be presented in a way that will disable the identification of individuals participating in the project.

The School of Health and Welfare is responsible for the management of personal details. According to the EU Data Protection Law, you have the right to access, free of charge, the personal details that are managed and if needs arise, to make corrections. If you are interested in accessing the personal details about yourself that the project has access to, you are welcome to contact us (see the contact details below). The Data Protection Ombudsperson at Jönköping University is Oskar Westergren and he can be reached via email: [dso@ju.se](mailto:dso@ju.se).

*How do I receive information about the study results?*

This letter also contains instructions outlining the details of participation and the ways in which you can share your story as part of this project. The project's webpage, <https://ju.se/center/cense/projects/integration-is-a-process.html> provides additional information about the project and all its parts. If you have any questions and would like to receive more information, you are welcomed to contact us.

*Sincerely,*

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