



Geneva School 2026: Time to apply!

At the Geneva School you learn how trade unions and popular movements gain influence in a globalized world:

- The participants meet trade union workers from all over the world at the UN agency International Labour Organization (ILO) conference in Geneva in June 2026.
- The course is aimed at active members or employees in trade unions and popular movements in all the Nordic countries.

How do I apply? Please contact your sending organization for more information and application. Once they confirm your participation, please fill in the application form via Microsoft Forms:

<https://forms.office.com/e/e262jRK5Qc>

Deadline: December 19th, 2025. The recruitment process takes place during December and January. Admission notices will be sent out at the end of January 2026.

This is the Geneva School

The course started in 1931. It is an annual course that brings together participants from all over the Nordic countries. For about three weeks in June, participants follow the UN agency ILO's international labor conference on site in Geneva, Switzerland. The participants start by gathering at a pre-course in Runö, Sweden during the spring and also carry out an intermediate remote work online.

"The school is open to all, but is primarily aimed at younger active members of the trade union, political and cooperative popular movements, which have shown within their own organizations willingness to make a contribution to international cooperation within and outside the Nordic region"
(§ 3 of the NIFH statutes).

Dates 2026 – the 3 parts of the course:

Part 1

Pre-course in Runö (Sweden), 23-26 April

Part 2

Intermediate group work & digital meetings

Part 3

Main course in Geneva, 28 May – 14 June (ILO Conference 1-12 June)

Please note that participation in all 3 parts is compulsory.

Prior knowledge

Lectures and readings are largely in English, as are the proceedings of the International Labour Conference itself. Participants should therefore be comfortable in using English for work as well as social purposes.

A large part of the course consists of work in project groups. Therefore, it is important that the participants have experience of voluntary study work. Participants should also have a documented interest in: Nordic, international and trade union issues, either by having worked practically on this, or by having attended study circles or courses in these subjects.

Course management

The school is carried out with teachers from different countries in the Nordic region and they mainly have a guidance function. The teaching is conducted in the form of lectures by experts in special areas and project work in smaller cross-Nordic working groups.

Travel and subsistence

The course fee for the Geneva School 2025 is **38 211 SEK**. Travel to and from each course resort and food costs in Geneva are **not** covered by the course fee. Please contact your sending organization for more information. Expect 75 CHF/day in food costs.

The course fee includes accommodation in single rooms in Runö as well as meals, and accommodation in a shared double room incl. simple breakfast during your stay in Geneva.

Application

Submit your application by December 19th, 2025: <https://forms.office.com/e/e262jRK5Qc> **after receiving confirmation from your organization.**

Read more at <https://nordicinternationalfolkhighschool.org/courses/the-geneva-school/>

If you have any questions, please contact your sending organization or the NIFH secretariat: karin.bender@abf.se