

The organization - for self-employed and - co-entrepreneurial women/co-owners - is working within the following areas:

Legislation:	Improvement of rights and opportunities for self-employed business
Education:	Lectures, courses and study-tours
Network:	Benefitting from colleagues in the same situation

VIRKSOMME kvinder was founded on November the 11th 1963.

We have continuously then advocated the cause of the co-owners/co-entrepreneurial spouses with the authorities and decisionmakers, and we have achieved several tangible improvements in the legislation for both the self-employed and the co-entrepreneurial/co-owning spouses:

Rights with opportunities of achieving a personal income from the business, sick-pay, maternity leave, unemployment benefit - although, not for a temporary period due to lack of work -.

Also opportunities for a labour-market pre-pension. However it is very difficult to comply with many of the regulations, which make life more difficult within these areas for self-employed people no matter the type of business they run, compared to employed people.

VIRKSOMME kvinder is a multi-disciplined and a politically independent national organization for self-employed and co-entrepreneurial/co-owning women from all kinds of business. Every month we publish a newsletter and send it by e-mail to the members. In this you can read about new legislation and regulations concerning business life. You will also find articles about activities within the organization, about labour market relations and many other issues.

We have achieved a more independent status for the co-entrepreneurial/co-owning spouses, in order to ensure that self-employed married people are not discriminated against, compared to married people, who are both defined as employees. Furthermore we try to influence legislation to remove the heavy burdens on small enterprises.

As for public further education we want special provision with a basis in the wishes and needs of the self-employed and co-entrepreneurial women, to ensure better conditions for small enterprises in their struggle for survival, and for compliance with the administrative burdens imposed by the government.

VIRKSOMME kvinder offers a proper forum in the local sections, where you can meet women in the same situation and benefit from lectures, courses and actual meetings, which might ease your daily life in business.

We find it very important that we exchange information with women in the same situation in other countries and we have therefore translated some of the information about our organization into English and German. Via our internet page you are welcome to ask questions about legislation you would like to compare.

We will do our best to answer and we hope in this way that selfemployed and co-entrepreneurial /co-owning women in medium and small enterprises will be able to benefit from each other.

Kind regards



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