

Swedish national policy on disability 2016

Sweden is in an interesting phase referring to disability policy in Sweden. The feminist Government of Sweden is currently ending one strategy of disability policy and planning for a new one running from 2017 until 2025.

The evaluation of the current strategy shows that the majority of policy areas, development has been slow. Development has been positive primarily in the areas of culture, media, IT and transport.

Conversely, development in areas such as physical accessibility and the labour market has stagnated or progressed slowly during the period of the Strategy.

Currently The Agency for participation also study the situation of persons with disabilities coming as refugees and asylum seekers to Sweden. The lack of data is a problem.

Another relevant part of the evaluation of Swedish disability policy is that the Swedish Agency for Participation has carried out a gender analysis. The aim is to do in-depth analyses and identify gender differences concerning living conditions, participation opportunities for persons with disabilities and their access to various kinds of support from the authorities.

Girls/women with disabilities are disadvantaged compared to boys/men with disabilities. This inequality is apparent in relation to political influence, health, and in particular to the labour market.

The Swedish Agency for Participation (MFD) proposes measures to make Swedish disability policy more effective in the coming strategy 2017 - 2025, more sustainable and clearer than before.

The proposals that were delivered are intended to create a simpler approach to implementing and steering the policy. The Swedish Government need to be clear in showing that disability policy is important for the sustainable development of the society and in order for Sweden to meet its international undertakings regarding human rights and its work with the UN's global development goals in Agenda 2030.

Myndigheten för delaktighet

The Swedish government commissioned the Agency for participation to conduct a communication project about the Convention on the Rights of persons with disabilities (CRPD). The project is conducted in collaboration with the Equality Ombudsman, the Ombudsman for Children and the Swedish disability movement.

The purpose of the project is to prevent discrimination of persons with disabilities by raising knowledge and awareness about the content of the CRPD and the rights for persons with disabilities.

Best regards

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