

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

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**CIVIL
RIGHTS
DEFENDERS**

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SWEDEN PROGRAM

- Hate crime, discrimination, rights of minorities
 - Anti-discrimination bureau
 - Ethnic profiling
 - Roma rights - vulnerable EU-migrants
 - Hate crime – Nordic Resistance Movement (NMR)
- Indigenous rights of Sami
- Rights of people deprived of liberty
 - Closed institutions
 - Procedural rights of vulnerable individuals
- The use of coercive measures
- Effective remedies and supervision
- Rights of refugees and asylum seekers
 - Age determination

WHAT WE DO

- Monitor and identify human rights concerns
- Advocate for changes
 - Duty bearers (government representatives, public authorities, municipalities)
 - Journalists
 - Civil society

 - Reports
 - Seminars, meetings
 - Media work
 - Strategic litigation / legal advocacy
 - National courts and oversight bodies
 - International mechanism (CoE, UN, EU)

FUNDING

- Swedish Postcode Lottery
- OSF
- EU (BHC, Fair Trials)
- Vinnova
- MUCF

HATE CRIME



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HATE CRIME IN SWEDEN

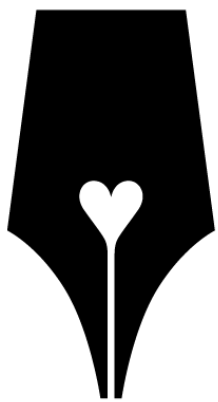
- Number of registered hate crimes high
- Legal action in only 5 per cent of cases
- Disability is not protected under hate crime legislation
- Particularly targeted groups - Roma, Afro-swedes and Muslims
- Hate speech is interpreted narrowly
- Neo-Nazi organisations in public sphere
 - Protected right to assemble, demonstrate
 - Sweden has not criminalized racist organisations as required by ICERD

CRD HATE CRIME WORK

- Effective measures to combat hate crime
 - Resources
 - Expertise
- Hate crime targeting vulnerable EU-migrants
 - Increase awareness and number of complaints
 - Increase understanding of police
- Neo-Nazi Nordic Resistance Movement
 - Freedom of assembly, right to demonstrate
 - Interpretation of hate speech provision
- Anti-discrimination bureau
- Ethnic profiling

POSITIVE STEPS

- Common definition of hate crime
 - Discrimination (gender, ethnicity, religion or other belief, sexual orientation or disability).
 - Hate speech (ethnic or national origin, race, skin colour, religion or other belief, sexual orientation or transgender identity)
 - All other crimes where a motive has been ethnic or national origin, race, skin colour, religion or other belief, sexual orientation or transgender identity.
- Hate crime units in Stockholm, Malmö, Göteborg



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Stockholm Days

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to Act**



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