

# **UBC statement against trafficking of women and children - follow up**

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# UBC statement against trafficking of women and children

At the 45th UBC Executive Board meeting in Kaunas in 2006 a statement against trafficking of women and children was adopted. It stated that trafficking and prostitution is an act of men's violence against women and children and therefore reinforces gender inequality.

The UBC Executive Board in Tampere (march 2014) decided on a follow up to this statement to empower the work on this important issue and to share best practices.




# Follow- up questions

(The questions were sent out to all contact persons through the UBC secretariat)

- What action has been taken by your city in combating trafficking of women and children since 2006?
- Does your city have an action plan for working with gender equality and/or trafficking of women and children?



# Kristiansand, Norway

- A mapping was conducted 2006-2008 which resulted in the report “Prostitution in Kristiansand”, published in January 2008.
  - The report resulted in establishing of two 20% jobs to help prostitutes in Kristiansand.
  - The two persons who were appointed are:
    - helping prostitutes in Kristiansand. Most of these are in Kristiansand as a result of trafficking.
    - contacted by the prostitutes themselves, or by the police, the Refugee Reception Centre or the Centre for Battered Women, or by one of the national organizations helping prostitutes.
    - managing an interdisciplinary team called “TOT”: interdisciplinary operational team, consisting of the police, the child welfare, the Centre for Battered Women, the Directorate of Immigration Agder/Telemark a.o.
    - cooperating with national networks and centers of competence.
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# Kristiansand, Norway

- The City of Kristiansand has a strategic plan for gender equality which was developed in 2003.
- The annual action plan for Kristiansand City Council includes measures regarding gender equality based on the city's most important challenges.
- Kristiansand municipality takes part in the development of a regional plan that will be an action plan for equality, social inclusion and diversity - regarding gender, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, age and social class. The plan will be adopted in autumn 2014.



# Växjö, Sweden

- The County Administrative Board works to promote equality in the county based on the Government's national equality policy.
- In 2008 the Government gave instructions to the County Administrative Boards to work with [Action Plan against Prostitution and Human Trafficking for Sexual Purposes](#)
- The Municipality of Växjö takes an active part in this work. In 2009/10 a survey was made of experiences of human trafficking and sexual exploiting in the county
- An important part of preventive work is to heighten people's awareness and help them rethink their attitudes to those exposed to prostitution and trafficking and insight into the sexual exploitation of girls and boys. An education was offered during 2012/13 to all staff in the municipality.

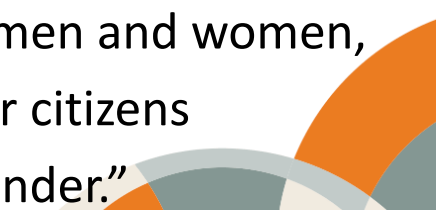


# Växjö, Sweden

**Diversity enriches** is a program our municipality has worked with since 2010. In the Municipality of Växjö, we work towards creating conditions where power and influence are divided fairly across all sections of our civil society. Gender equality is one of the headlines in the program Diversity enriches.

School and Childcare Administration Department gives out a brochure describing the work with gender equality in childcare and schools.

“We envisage the Municipality of Växjö as an example to other municipalities and employers, in the area of equality. Our aim is to achieve an equal distribution of power and influence between men and women, girls and boys. All services and activities provided to our citizens are intended to be of the same quality, regardless of gender.”



# Gdynia, Poland

- Training organized by the Municipal Social Welfare Centre (MOPS)
- In 2012, one social worker of MOPS participated in training: "Providing assistance to the victims of trafficking in human beings"
- Projects carried out in the City of Gdynia.
- In September 2009, Gdynia as the only city in the Pomeranian region, joined the "Catseb" project aiming at counteracting trafficking in human beings. In Gdynia, the project was coordinated by the Crisis Intervention Centre.
- In September 2008, on the initiative on the "Razem" Assosiation and "DKF Żyrafa" film club there was a review of films related to the topic of trafficking in human beings.
- City information: Information on trafficking in human beings and the possibilities of assistance can be found at the website of the Municipal Police Headquarter.





# Arendal, Norway

Arendal Municipality has been involved in a national Project called "Rosa" which has addressed this problem. We plan to further strengthen the effort in the years to come. Arendal has also partly financed a Norwegian NGO which supports the Latvian "Marta Center" which is based in Riga and addresses the problem in Latvia.



# Kristianstad, Sweden

Work together with the women's shelter in Kristianstad; a shelter for women who are victims of abuse. During the last 5 years have we seen a few women whom we suspect could be victims of trafficking but these women are scared and they are afraid of the authorities and often prefer to seek help by the NGO's.

There is a plan for working with gender equality in the city of Kristianstad



# Karlstad, Sweden

## **Action plan**

The administration has no specific action plan for work with trafficking. However, this area is included within the action plan that is indicative of the overall work of domestic violence.

**The municipal social services** devised a checklist for staff that can meet people that are victims of prostitution and human trafficking in the service.

## **Resource Team prostitution and trafficking for sexual purposes**

The County administrative Board coordinates a resource team aimed to assist colleagues in the county with expertise and consultations.

The team consists of professionals from social services, Migration Regulatory Authority, police, prosecutor and healthcare.

The team has received training through the national resource coordinated by the Stockholm County Administrative Board



# Karlstad, sweden


## **Competency Interventions and campaign**

This fall there will be a conference on aid and treatment to those who buy sex. The target audience is for example social services, voluntary organizations and the Swedish Church.

Concerning victims of trafficking and prostitution there has been several conferences around this issues in the last three years.

## **Labour and social administration's internal work**

Work is in progress within the administration to review the organization of the work aimed at the target group of victims of trafficking and prostitution. The assignment will involve the discovery, reception, investigation and measures will be reviewed. In 2015, will visit London. One purpose is to study the work around prostitution and trafficking as well as work with domestic violence.



# Umeå, Sweden

- **“Umeå against prostitution and human trafficking”**  
The campaign included seminars, workshops, films, poster campaigns in the city and on local buses
- Regional level – county of Västerbotten  
Seminars, reports, training trainers, expert groups etc.  
(connection to the national level)
- The gender equality goal of combating men's violence to women also includes prostitution and human trafficking
- Social services - included in the work of violence to women.



# Umeå, Sweden

- Strategy for working with gender equality (current strategy adopted by the city council in 2011)
- Umeå has signed the CEMR Declaration on Gender Equality (2008)
- Gender equality committee (elected members of city council)
- Overall goal for the municipality: Create conditions for women and men to have equal power to shape society as well as their own lives

