

Setting up Male Parliamentarian Networks : the Swedish experience

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All political parties are represented in the Swedish parliamentary men's network. The focus of the network is to encourage men to engage in the debate about men's values, prejudices and the equal value of all human being and to point out men's responsibilities to act against men's violence against women.

Latest developments of the Swedish parliamentary men's network

In April 2006 the male network, in cooperation with the Nordic Council, arranged a seminar on the fight against trafficking for sexual exploitation. At the seminar the representatives from the men's network urged the participating parliamentarians from the Nordic Council and the Baltic Assembly to found male networks in their home parliaments.

In October 2007 the male network has arranged two seminars in the Swedish parliament:

- A seminar on trafficking in human being with participation from the National Swedish Police Board
- A seminar on men's responsibility to act against domestic violence. The seminar was arranged in cooperation with Ms Carina Hägg as a support for the Council of Europe campaign to combat Violence against Women.

The coming year the network will continue its work to encourage men to participate in the dialogue, not only in the parliament but also on a regional level and in cooperation with organizations.

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