

We are The Swedish Disability Rights Federation



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Inaccessibility should not stand in the way of equal participation in society.

Universal design is about human rights.

A society for everyone

The Swedish Disability Rights Federation wants a society for everyone. The basis for our work is the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, or as we call it the Disability Rights Convention.

The convention outlines the state's responsibility in a number of different areas of society, so that people with disabilities can participate on equal terms with everyone else.

A disability arises in the meeting between the individual and their environment. Inaccessible information, stairs and thresholds are examples of obstacles. Attitudes towards people with disabilities also shuts people out.

A society designed for everyone is good for everyone. Universal design means that all goods, services and environments are designed with human diversity in mind.



Impairment or disability

- what is the correct word?


The Swedish Disability Rights Federation uses the Swedish National Board of Health and Welfare's formal concepts of impairment and disability. Disability is defined as the impairment of a person's physical, mental or intellectual functionality.

Disability is also defined as the limitation that a functional impairment means for a person in relation to their environment.

Disability rights complements the concepts of functional impairment and disability. Disability rights are defined as the right to self-determination and full participation in accordance with the Disability Rights Convention.

Every fifth person in Sweden experiences a disability that affects their daily life. Some disabilities are visible and others not.

To us, no one is disabled. However, there are people with disabilities.



The Swedish Disability Rights Federation wants the conditions for people with disabilities to be improved.

We are a strong and collective voice for our 50 member associations in ongoing dialogue with decision makers, mass media and other social actors.

Disability rights

All people have the same value and rights. Every person has the right to self-determination and full participation in all parts of society.

Disability rights means that everyone is able to fully exercise their human rights.



The right to participate in decisions

People's own experiences of disabilities must be taken into account in the political decisions that shape our society.

According to the Disability Rights Convention, disability rights organizations have an important role in politics. It is the State's responsibility that people with disabilities have knowledge of their rights.

The right to equal health

All people have the right to achieve their best possible health, it is a prerequisite for a good life. This means getting access to the best possible healthcare and health promotion efforts throughout life, on the same terms as others.

Everyone has the right to health care based on their individual needs. Disability rights organizations must have an active role in the design of health care.

The right to education, work and security

The educational system must be designed so that everyone is given the opportunity to reach their full potential. Everyone has the right to work, to a good livelihood and to be able to contribute to society based on their own abilities. Labour market policies must be designed so that everyone can exercise their ability to work.



The Swedish Disability Rights Federations goals include:

- Ensured disability rights in Swedish law.
- An educational system that works for all children.
- Reform of the legal aid system and stronger legal protection.
- Equal healthcare for all.
- More people with disabilities in employment.



The Swedish Disability Rights Federation :

IS A HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION

We monitor that UN human rights are followed. The Swedish state must fully live up to the obligations of the CRPD.



IS A COLLECTIVE FORCE

We are a large number of disability rights associations that have joined together to act with collective power.



IS A POLITICAL CHANGE AGENT

We see society from a holistic perspective. Our task is to initiate change. We do this by highlighting the living conditions of people with disabilities. We act for societal changes that include everyone.



IS COMPETENT

The strength of our knowledge lies in our collective experience. We use our expertise to improve society.



IS INDEPENDENT

We are guided by our vision of a society for everyone. Our independence gives us credibility and a unique role in society.

Our 50 member associations

Afasiförbundet
Astma-och Allergiförbundet
Autism Sverige
Blodcancerförbundet (BLC)
Bröstcancerförbundet
Diabetesförbundet
Dyslexiförbundet
Elöverkänsligas Riksförbund
Fibromyalgiförbundet (FF)
FUB För barn, unga och vuxna med utvecklingsstörning
Förbundet Blödarsjuka i Sverige (FBIS)
Föräldraföreningen för dyslektiska barn
Hiv-Sverige
Hjärnskadeförbundet Hjärnkraft
Hjärtebarnsfonden
Huvudvärksförbundet
Mag-och tarmförbundet
Mun & Halscancerförbundet (MHCF)
Narkolepsiföreningen
Neuro
Njurförbundet
Osteoporosförbundet
ParkinsonFörbundet
Personskadeförbundet RTP
Primär Immunbrist Organisationen (PIO)
Prostatacancerförbundet
Psoriasisförbundet
Reumatikerförbundet
RG Aktiv Rehabilitering
Riksförbundet Attention
Riksförbundet Balans
Riksförbundet Cystisk Fibros (RfCF)
Riksförbundet DHB
Riksförbundet för ME-patienter
Riksförbundet för Social och Mental Hälsa (RSMH)
Riksförbundet HjärtLung
Riksförbundet Sällsynta diagnoser
Riksföreningen Grunden
RLS-Förbundet
Schizofreniförbundet
Stamningsförbundet
Strokeförbundet
Svenska Celiakiförbundet (SCF)
Svenska Downföreningen
Svenska Epilepsiförbundet (SEF)
Svenska Glaukomförbundet
Svenska OCD-förbundet
Tandvårdsskadeförbundet (TF)
Tarm-uro-och stomiförbundet ILCO
Ångestförbundet ÅSS



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